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DUDE, THAT'S RUDE! (GET SOME MANNERS)

by Pamela Espeland & Elizabeth Verdick

Full-color cartoons and kid-friendly text teach kids the basics of polite behavior in all kinds of situations.

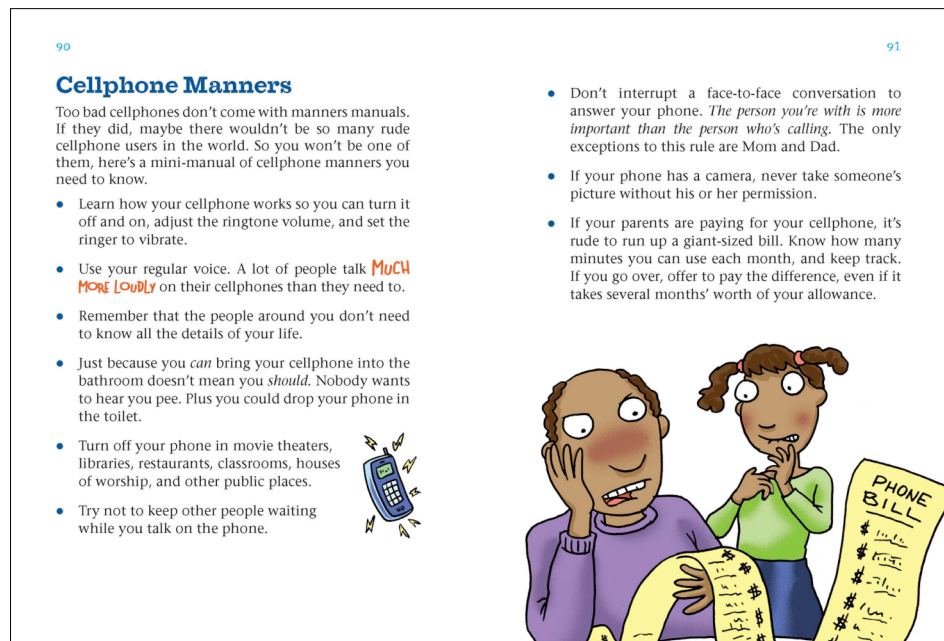
Minneapolis, MN—Manners. Who needs them? Everyone—especially kids because the sooner they get in the good manners mind-set, the better off they'll be for success in school, at home, and everywhere in life.

DUDE, THAT'S RUDE! (GET SOME MANNERS) (Free Spirit Publishing, \$8.95) will get kids caring about manners by adeptly answering the question, "What's the big deal about manners, anyway?" in a way that's appealing, relatable, and funny. Make that hilarious!

Kids will learn Power Words to use and P.U. Words to avoid, why their family deserves their best manners, how to yawn, how to burp, how to meet new people, how to treat a guest and be one, the right ways to use phones (including cellphones), school manners, mall manners, body manners, potty manners, the Top Ten Table Manners, and the essentials of e-tiquette (politeness online).

Although definitely not the Manners Police, authors Pamela Espeland and Elizabeth Verdick do help kids understand that manners are not rules to make life miserable or a labyrinth of silly secret codes for snobs. Manners make life more pleasant and are personally beneficial since people who know how to handle themselves are more likely to get what they want. **DUDE, THAT'S RUDE!** shows kids how manners can help them get ahead, gain respect, and feel good about themselves. Funny full-color illustrations keep kids entertained on every page.

Today's kids need manners more than ever. **DUDE, THAT'S RUDE!** makes it fun and easy to get some.



Excerpts and interviews are available through Free Spirit Publishing.

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Pamela Espeland and Elizabeth Verdick have written many books for children and teens. They both live in Minnesota with their families and pets. They are not the Manners Police, but they know the difference between good manners and bad manners, and so do their children.



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