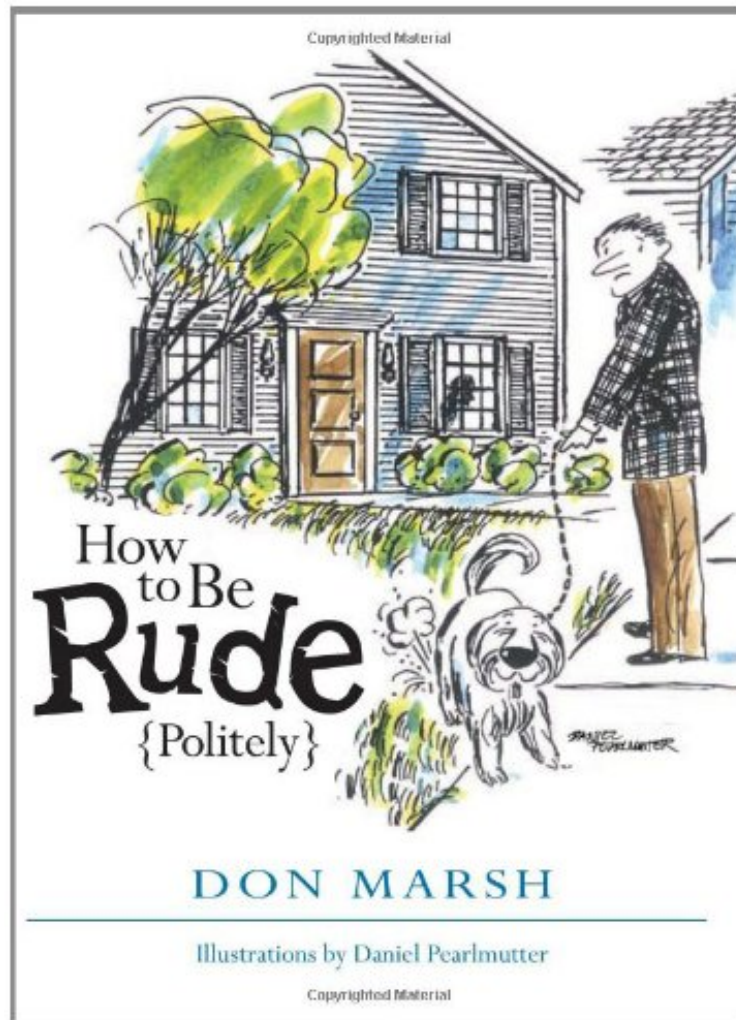


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Don Marsh : How to Be Rude Politely before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Be Rude Politely:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilariously Skillful Fibbing By Larry Underwood I read somewhere that the average person tells a least a couple of lies a day; most of them fall into the "white lie" category, which the author of this book, Don Marsh, may be considered the King. Marsh's handy guide to getting out of unwanted social engagements is hilarious, but if executed with a straight face, may be quite useful for those trying to avoid too much annoying public interaction. Let's face it; when faced with the prospect of going to some stupid dinner party with people you really don't want to see, or hanging out at home to watch Seinfeld re-runs, the obvious choice is to be the master of our own domain! If you saw that particular episode, thanks for bearing with me; I couldn't resist. Some of the

wonderfully elaborate excuses from the droll Mr Marsh are brilliant, if you have the ability to avoid blowing your cover by cracking up in front of the target; therein lies my biggest challenge. This may take some practice before I can use it on a real, live person. In the meantime, this is a real eye-opener for me; I've heard many similar stories from my so-called friends after I've offered them opportunities to attend my rollicking parties over the years, as they've cleverly declined, "due to circumstances beyond their control". Hmm. Oh well; if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A save-your-reputation handbook By William W. Marsh This book could be a face-saving reference work for those who occasionally find themselves in awkward situations that call for quick maneuvering, maybe even a fib or two, to salvage a friendship, a job, or even a marriage. This book also covers situations that call for sticking it to people who deserve it but whose friendship you'd like, for one reason or another, to preserve. Read it in one sitting or in segments, but, be sure to keep it handy for that special situation when there's no one around to throw you a lifeline and you've got to rely completely on your own wile. A word of caution, however: don't read it in a crowded waiting room (as I did) or anyplace within earshot of someone you'd like to impress with your savoir faire. I found myself chuckling uncontrollably, unable to stifle an occasional guffaw, and finally forced to leave the room bent over, feigning a coughing fit. (The author's next book should contain a tip or two on how to escape terminal embarrassment in such situations.) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. hilarious By tom bryson Just finished "How to be Rude." What a terrific read...lots of laughs and some remarkable episodes like the ones I've personally lived through. Loved the one about visiting the couple with the new baby.

Polite: A display of consideration, tact, deference, or courtesy. Rude: Lacking refinement or delicacy, uncivilized, coarse, and/or vulgar. How to Be Rude Politely elevates the fib to the status of art form, enabling the reader to achieve artful dodger status creatively and effectively while avoiding humiliation. The fib is not malicious like a lie, but rather a trivial untruth, usually unsheathed to avoid hurting someone's feelings. Fibbing effectively helps preserve friendships, reputation, and self-respect. If you ever have been embarrassed when your dog violated a neighbor's lawn, grudgingly displayed enthusiasm over a co-worker's new baby, or suffered the wrathful fallout from a forgotten anniversary or birthday, this book will help you strategize techniques to avoid unpleasant consequences. Not by lying, but by fibbing with aplomb. In other words . . . by being rude . . . politely.