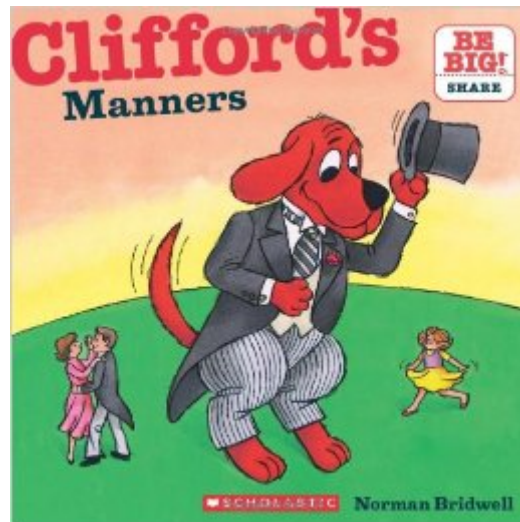


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# Clifford's Manners (Clifford 8x8)



## Synopsis

Read all about Clifford's BIG ideas! Classic Clifford reissued! It only takes a little to BE BIG! Emily Elizabeth taught Clifford good manners. He always says "please" and "thank you," follows the rules, and SHARES with his friends. It's easy to like someone like Clifford: even if he makes mistakes, he always tries to be kind and considerate. The BE BIG campaign invites everyone, big and small, to take action and raise awareness for how CLIFFORD'S BIG IDEAS can make the world a better place.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

My 4 year old daughter found this book very interesting for a few weeks. I didn't like some of the examples it used, but only because they required a lot of explanation. It gave us a good starting point to talk about some manners, but also things like movies and the game of tennis. My daughter had never been to a movie before, so Clifford's advice not to disturb others needed some explanation. And showing a game of tennis to preschoolers seemed odd to me, to suggest playing by the rules!

The idea of having Clifford, the Big Red Dog, demonstrate good manners is full of potential fun.

Obviously, we all hope Clifford has good manners, because the alternative is too scary to think about! The book opens with this idea: "Everyone loves Clifford because he has good manners. I taught him myself," says Emily Elizabeth. You will probably want to reinforce the idea that manners are desirable by pointing out some of their other benefits, such as being the right thing to do, avoiding fights, making everyone feel respected, and helping everyone have a better time. The book emphasizes what to do more than why to do it. But parents and grandparents need to have some role in providing help with the social graces. The book covers saying please and thank you, writing thank-you notes for presents, waiting for one's turn, picking up one's own trash, saying "excuse me" when stepping in front of others, not talking in movies, using a handkerchief when sneezing, sharing toys with friends, putting toys away, following rules (in playing tennis?), talking when angry rather than hitting, being a good sport (smiling when lose and not boasting when win), calling ahead before visiting, arriving on time, knocking before opening a door, wiping shoes before going in, shaking hands or kissing when greeting people, washing before eating, chewing with a closed mouth, not talking while chewing, helping clean up, and saying good-bye and thank you after a visit. By having Emily Elizabeth support all of these behaviors and having taught them to Clifford, the book sets it up as an expectation that every child should do the same. That's a nice way to establish these practices as the norm, independent of a parent's speaking in favor of them. The book's weakness is that some of the situations in the examples won't make much sense to young children (movie theaters, playing tennis, writing thank you notes before they can write, and visiting one's sister who lives in another residence). But you can talk about those, and add some new ideas into your youngster's life. The biggest missed opportunity is that many of the illustrations could have been much funnier. Obviously, there's a fine line here that should not be crossed because a lot of slap-stick could undermine the messages. But just a teeny bit more humor would have tickled my fancy, and made the material more memorable and interesting. After you finish enjoying this book with your child, I suggest that you think about other examples of good manners that you appreciate providing. For example, even in these egalitarian days, it's still nice to open a door, pull out a chair, and to compliment someone. What parts of the social graces do you most enjoy receiving? Be sure to pass them along, as well. After you, if you please!

I love the opening double-page with 24 poses of Clifford expressing with the signs the signs he holds the manners that a good dog--and good children--will follow. After all, "Everyone loves Clifford because he has good manners. I taught him myself," says Emily Elizabeth, Clifford's best friend. From learning to say "please" and "thank you," to not talking during movies and using a

handkerchief or tissue when you sneeze, Clifford is the star of good manners. And he is also funny -- because he is SO BIG and SO GENTLE and LOVING. The lesson for the little tots (many older tots need should learn it too) is: Everybody loves dogs and children who have good manners. Great way to impress that on young minds.

I have a Clifford the Big Red Dog fanatic in my house, and own several of his stories. I had high hopes for this book, but wasn't really impressed with it. It does talk about / teach manners; however, there is not an engaging story to go along with it. My 3 year old much prefers the other Clifford books in our collection. Wouldn't purchase again or recommend to a friend.

Though (. . .) some of the examples being a bit odd for a preschooler, it's been one of the best books we ever bought for our son (then 2 yrs, now almost 4.) Our son absolutely adores Clifford and we use him (and the book) as a role model. When he starts, or does, something naughty, we'll ask, "Would Clifford do that?" Sounds kinda hokey, but it works. I so highly recommend this book and have bought it for others as a gift.

We enjoy reading Clifford manners. Entertaining yet educative for the toddler. I know some of the "going to the movies" example is foreign to the young mind, but we replaced it with some other examples like 'when someone's on the phone', 'someone else is watching something and you need to pass by'. In fact our son picked up "excuse me" pretty fast because of this...Definitely recommend this and the clifford series in general, especially if your child loves pets.

My grandson loves the Clifford TV series and was enthralled to have his own Clkifford book. He sits quietly while I read it to him. It is very basic, easy to understand and feeds his interest in books.

I was so happy to find this book on since I couldn't find it an ANY bookstore anymore! Clifford was my favorite growing up, and I'm really happy to own it again and use it in my education classes!

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