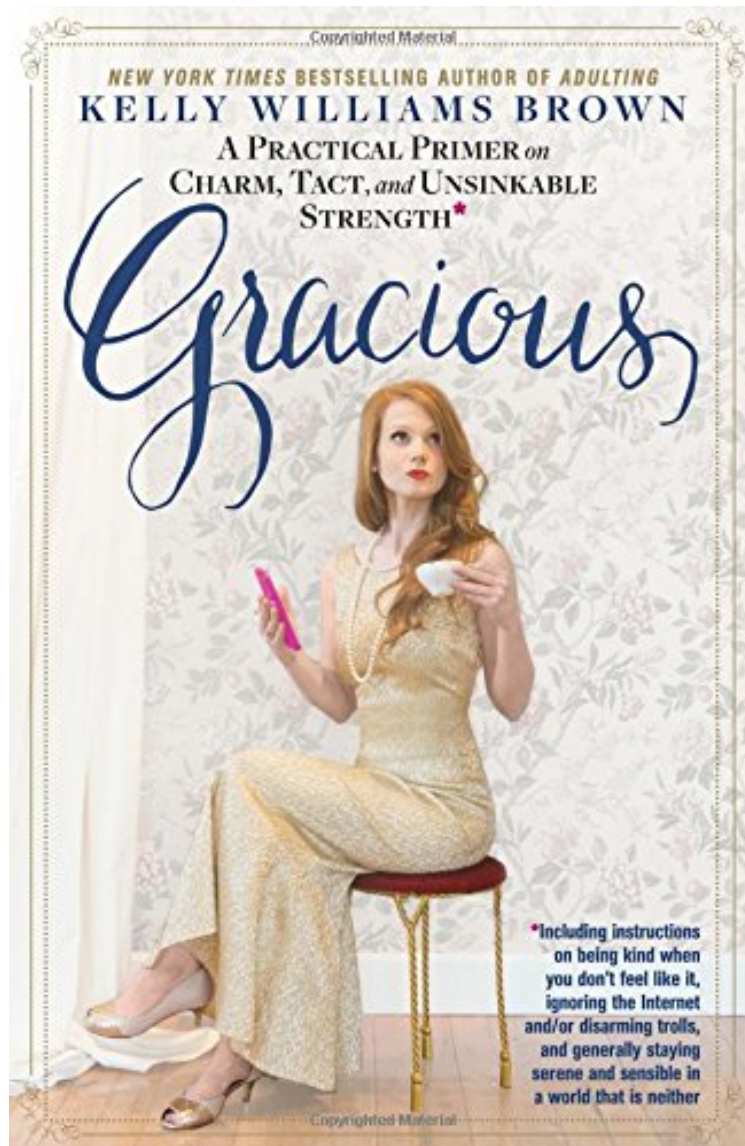


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In a world that feels rushed, frenzied, and often cold and careless, this book poses a lovely idea: "What if we all tried to be a little more gracious?" From setting up your guest room (or couch) for an overnight guest, to hosting a dinner party, to dealing with email and social media, this book is full of sensible tips on how to be more thoughtful, compassionate, and respectful. Plus, Kelly (the author) is hysterically funny. A total joy to read!
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What a fun and enlightening read. Her sense of humor is remarkable. The techniques she describes work. It was so inspirational that I gave one to a good friend.

So you're adulting. Now what? New York Times bestselling author of *Adulting: How to Become a Grown-Up in 468 Easy(ish) Steps* Kelly Williams Brown is here to tell you what, with her funny, charming guide to modern civility in these?yes, we'll say it?rather uncivil times. Graciousness is practicing the arts of kindness, thoughtfulness, good manners, humanity, and, well, basic decency. It's not about memorizing every rule of traditional etiquette (though there is something to be said about a lovely hand-written invitation) or being the perfect hostess. It's about approaching the world with compassion, conviction, and self-confidence and it makes all the difference, whether you're at a Fancy Schmancy Intimidating Work Occasion or at the convenience store. She provides tips to help you deal with the people and circumstances that challenge all of us (pushy relatives, internet trolls), and thoughtful discussions on being the highest version of yourself. Graciousness, at its heart, is the ability to be truly present to the humans around you, to face the world with a generous heart and a core of strength that never corroded. Even when you get rude comments from Internet strangers (hot tip: you don't give a lot of credibility to someone screaming obscenities at you on the street, so why do it online?) We can't control the world, or other humans, or even how we feel in a given moment. The only thing we can control is our words and actions, and when we act deliberately and with kindness, it makes everything better.

Kelly Williams Brown's *Gracious* reads the way a phone call with a best friend feels. The notions she puts forth about living a gracious life are both aspirational and attainable. And let's face it, there is nothing better than talking about genuinely good and attainable ideals for humanity with a heavy dose of the one time I did mushrooms and His momma didn't raise him right.
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