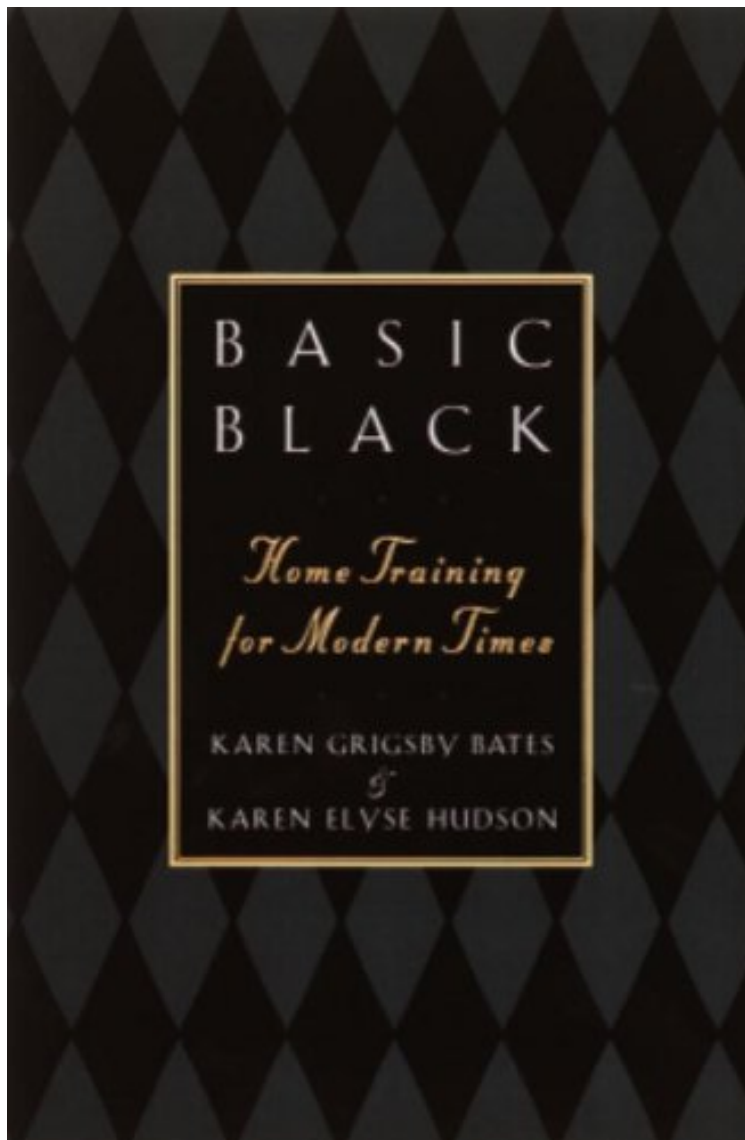


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Must for your home.....Von Ein KundeBasic Black is a book that should be on your shelf. It covers topics that we ordinarily overlook, while it providers a refresher of Manners 101. If you've ever had a question about what the "appropriate"

thing to do is, then you should buy this book

Kurzbeschreibung Etiquette for real people who live real lives. In *Basic Black*, Karen Grigsby Bates and Karen Elyse Hudson have gathered those elements that are, well, just basic to making life more livable and they've added something specific to modern life. The information in *Basic Black* goes from "CP Time" to "Don't You Dare," from addressing your wedding invitations to addressing a police officer who has perhaps arbitrarily stopped you as you're driving through the city. It covers traditional etiquette, such as table settings, being a good host, letter writing, and tipping. *Basic Black* covers the essentials of black American tradition: joining a church, mentoring young people, planning a funeral, family reunions, participating in clubs and organizations. In addition, some delicate areas seldom discussed in other etiquette books are addressed here, such as race in the workplace, handling service people who are less than enthusiastic about having black customers, and keeping your job and your temper when racial slurs are used in your presence. As Bates and Hudson like to note, etiquette is about more than just which fork goes where: "As far as were concerned, no one will die if you use the wrong fork, but we'll each lose a little piece of ourselves if we choose to live our lives without genuine respect for morality, character, kindness and other people." From the Trade Paperback edition. From Booklist No. 1, this book is not about that perfect little black dress. Nor does "home training" have anything to do with home schooling. *Basic Black*, by journalist Bates and biographer Hudson, is an etiquette book written for the African American community, particularly for people moving into new, often integrated situations--at school, at work, and in the community. Full of information about appropriate behavior at soirees of various sorts, from simple cocktail parties to formal dinners, and about how to plan parties, weddings, even tea parties, Bates and Hudson's advice also includes less obvious subjects such as maintaining family and community ties, taking pride in one's heritage, and coping with racial incidents at work. After an overview of basic rules, the authors cover communicating; life lessons; "Dating, Mating, and Begetting"; planning events; and life milestones, closing with a Q & A section, do's and don'ts, a glossary, and a request for reader feedback. Each subject is discussed briefly and entertainingly, with solid common sense. A useful compendium. Mary Carroll From Library Journal To some it's "etiquette" or "socialization," but to many African Americans it's "Home Training"? instruction in accepted mores and values. This tradition has not been explored in other etiquette books, but here the job is undertaken "the way our grandmothers, mothers and aunts have taught us for centuries." Bates (a contributing columnist to the Los Angeles Times) and Hudson (Paul R. Williams, Architect, LJ 1/94) address not only those good manners that are universal but also unique African American observances and the delicate art of being both polite and assertive in response to unacceptable treatment or thoughtless remarks. Recommended for public libraries. ? Susan B. Hagloch, Tuscarawas Cty. P.L., New Philadelphia, Ohio Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.