

Table Manners, Invitations, Place Settings, Bowling Shoes . . .

Maybe you never thought you would need Amy Vanderbilt.


You never serve anything to your friends that requires more than a spork and a bottle opener. You're too lapsed to have an audience with the Pope. After that Easter egg incident, the White House has stopped inviting you.

But life evolves—and so has “Amy.” Your friends get engaged, get married, have babies—not necessarily in that order. (See “The Pregnant Bride-to-Be.”) You get married and you wonder how to fit in better with the in-laws. (“The oyster fork is not placed with the other forks but on the side with the knives with the tines of the fork placed upward.”) Or how to avoid dirty looks when you're on your honeymoon abroad. (“In Arab countries you should not point or beckon to a native. These gestures are reserved for dogs.”) Or maybe you've just joined the local league. (“Think about your delivery but don't dawdle or stand too long at the approach. That can be distracting to other bowlers.”)

The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette—Entirely Rewritten and Updated, contains everything you ever wanted to know

about appropriate behavior surrounding “traditional” occasions and subjects (weddings, births, bar mitzvahs, dinner parties, place settings, forms of address, formal and informal correspondence, and so on), as well as everyday matters, everything from business travel to sports, from tipping to dating.

What's even better, authors Tuckerman and Dunnan don't shirk from the handling of age-old subjects of some delicacy, such as how to behave on a date. (“If you're simply not interested in the person you've met, be polite and considerate of his feelings. Do not bolt from the table or climb out the powder room window.”) Or newer social dilemmas, like how to inquire whether someone's had plastic surgery. (You don't. The appropriate phrase is, “You look terrific. Obviously, you've been on vacation.”)

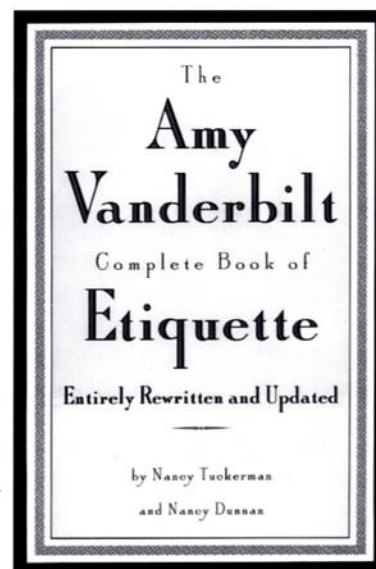
In short, it's a reference guide no household should be without, and a perfect gift for a housewarming or shower—or, better yet, for yourself. After all, you never know when the White House might invite you back. 

The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette

by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan

ISBN 0-385-41342-4

\$32.00/\$42.95 in Canada




Miss Mamie's Spoonbread Too

Doubleday cookbook author Norma Jean Darden has opened Miss Mamie's Spoonbread Too, a take-out and casual eat-in establishment, next to her catering operation, Spoonbread Inc., in New York City.

In a column entitled “Plenty of Down-Home Food in a Laid-Back Style” in *The New York Times*, Eric Asimov recently described the place as a “bright and cheery room [that] looks like a farmhouse,” and gave raves to Miss Mamie's meat dishes and sides.

The simple, down-home Southern dishes served at Miss Mamie's are based on the family recipes found in *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine: Recipes & Reminiscences of a Family* by Ms. Darden and her sister Carole Darden Lloyd (ISBN 0-385-47270-6). Compelling for its stories as well as its recipes, *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine* has remained a beloved staple of the Doubleday cookbook backlist since its publication.

Now, New Yorkers and visitors to the city can enjoy the Darden family treats ready-made—and they can take home a copy of *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine* to relive their meals at home. 

Miss Mamie's Spoonbread Too

364-366 West 110th Street • Morningside Heights, NY • 212/865-6744



The authors' grandmother
Dianah Scarborough Darden

Spoonbread & Strawberry Wine



Recipes & Reminiscences
of a Family

Norma Jean & Carole Darden