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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Etiquette experts seldom dwell on the uproarious consequences of carelessness. Cole (Dr. Dog), on the other hand, considers chaos the spice of life. In a singsongy voice, the author lectures her readers on propriety ("Don't mess around in the kitchen./ Don't dress the dog... or the cat!/ Don't shampoo with a big tube of glue,/ and don't tell your mom that she's fat"). Meanwhile, impishly smiling children snorkel in a flooded bathroom, drop raw eggs on a linoleum floor and, although "it's very rude to peep!," squint through a keyhole at a shaving adult only to get an eyeful of foam. The mock-stern tone of these do's and don'ts humorously contradicts the freewheeling illustrations, which depict such comic moments as a portly man losing his toupee and a cheerful kid stuffing toilet paper down the commode, a hint of his pink behind showing for maximum hilarity. At the rhyme's crashing finale in which a boy delivers breakfast-in-bed to his parents... on a skateboard? Cole reminds children and adults that even the best of intentions sometimes result in an unmannerly mess: "I really tried!" the boy tells his understanding mother and father. A connoisseur of the ridiculous, Cole serves up mayhem without endorsing harmful misbehavior. Ages 4-8.

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From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 3?Zany watercolor cartoons feature mischievous kids, harried pets, and frenzied adults exploring the perils of bad (and even good) manners. Although told with lighthearted good humor, the list of "don'ts" comes perilously close to a "how-to" guide to mischief making. However, the raucous humor is contagious, especially the segments on dressing correctly and serving parents breakfast in bed (more like on the bed). The large format with spare text, but especially the totally wacky situations, will spark a lively group sharing and discussion time.?Claudia Cooper, Ft. Stockton Independent School District, TX
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From [Booklist](#)

Ages 5[^]-8. *Goofy* is probably not a potent-enough adjective to describe Cole's books, which are not only supremely silly but also downright curious. This take on manners is certainly not what readers will expect--there's not a "please" or a "thank you" anywhere. Instead, Cole's googly-eyed cartoon characters learn that it's not polite to clog the toilet with paper, dress up the cat, or tell Mom she's fat, but it's fine to mind one's own business and "do as you would be done by others" --even if good intentions don't always pan out. The watercolors are lively fun and, as usual for Cole, just a tad irreverent. *Stephanie Zvirin*

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