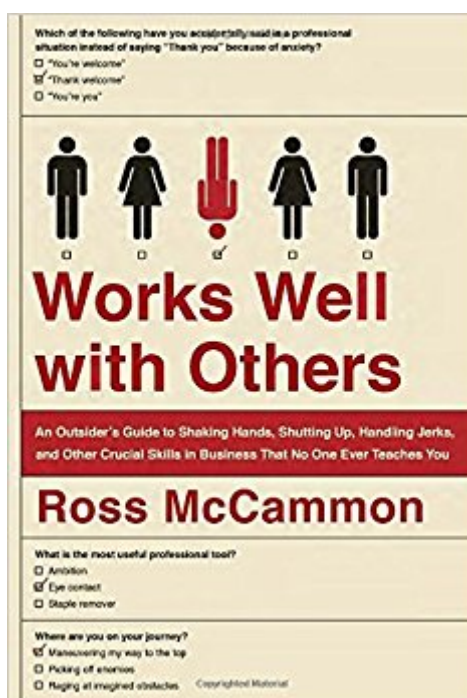


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# Works Well With Others: An Outsider's Guide To Shaking Hands, Shutting Up, Handling Jerks, And Other Crucial Skills In Business That No One Ever Teaches You



## Synopsis

Esquire editor and Entrepreneur etiquette columnist Ross McCammon delivers a funny and authoritative guide that provides the advice you really need to be confident and authentic at work, even when you have no idea what's going on. Ten years ago, before he got a job at Esquire magazine and way before he became the etiquette columnist at Entrepreneur magazine, Ross McCammon, editor at an in-flight magazine, was staring out a second-floor window at a parking lot in suburban Dallas wondering if it was five o'clock yet. Everything changed with one phone call from Esquire. Three weeks later, he was working in New York and wondering what the hell had just happened. This is McCammon's honest, funny, and entertaining journey from impostor to authority, a story that begins with periods of debilitating workplace anxiety but leads to rich insights and practical advice from a guy who made it but who still remembers what it's like to feel entirely ill-equipped for professional success. And for life in general, if we're being completely honest. McCammon points out the workplace for what it is: an often absurd landscape of ego and fear guided by social rules that no one ever talks about. He offers a mix of enlightening and often self-deprecating personal stories about his experience and clear, practical advice on getting the small things right—crucial skills that often go unacknowledged—from shaking a hand to conducting a business meeting in a bar to navigating a work party. Here is an inspirational new way of looking at your job, your career, and success itself; an accessible guide for those of us who are smart, talented, and ambitious but who aren't well-leveraged and don't quite feel prepared for success . . . or know what to do once we've made it.

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This book made me laugh out loud numerous times, but I also learned a lot about how to BE in the workplace, which is no small feat. As someone who struggles with introversion and finds the little things so stressful, especially small talk, entering a meeting, work parties, and talking to important people, this book has already helped me out in such a short time. I plan on recommending it to everyone, from people just starting out in their career to those higher-up. At the end of the day, we really are all outsiders.

I felt like this book was geared more towards someone younger than me so I didn't like it as much as I thought I would. Most of the things listed in the book seemed to be common sense to me but now a days people lack that so it was nice to see some of the things mentioned like how to enter a room, how to smile, how to interview, how to shake hands, how to dress, how to email, and of course how to work with co workers that clearly resent you. I wasn't a fan of the writing style, by the 3rd or 4th chapter I was done with the book but forced myself to finish it so I could do a decent review. There was intended humor written in the book but I found that more annoying than funny. This is a good book to give to someone making a name of themselves fresh out of college but for anyone else it seems to be a waste. I left this book in the break room at my job to hopefully help someone else and find someone who appreciates it more than I did. I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

A DELIGHTFUL READ! When I received this book 'Works Well with Others' by Ross McCammon, I was mesmerized by the book jacket! Just by the jacket, I already knew I would be captivated by this book. Just seeing the stick figures with the one red one upside down...I felt the book connected with me. Always feeling like the odd man out, never knowing the right thing to say and having anxiety getting my point across. Honestly, you can be the smartest person in the room but if you come off as lacking in confidence, you've created your own demise. This book serves as a guide to using self doubt as a fuel to do better, be better and understand that no matter who you are, everyone feels the same way. Mr. McCammon takes you on a journey of his own career, the ups and downs, the laughter. This book was packed with helpful advice on How to be Interviewed, How to be on time, How to dress, How to recover from small embarrassments. I really felt this was all advice we know but need to keep reminding ourselves of. Each chapter had its interesting tipbits all punctuated by humor!! RECOMMEND this book for any starting out in business or even college! It's an easy, lighthearted read! Disclaimer - I received this item for my honest and unbiased review. All opinions

are my own based on personal experience

I have never been a people person, and now as I am moving into a career that I want to continue to pursue after I graduate from college, I need to change my demeanor. I am one of those people that take a long time to warm up to people, awkward at times, hating small talk, and not able to really strike up a conversation until I warm up to you. This book describes how an outsider came to work in a very high profile arena and was facing the criticism and the judgement of others within the office. This book gives you tips and advice based on his evaluations and allows you to feel like you can connect and use these in your life. This book is a very great read and I highly recommend this book to everyone out there!! I received this item in return for my honest and unbiased review.

We are all different. That is a fact that I'm sure you've come to realize as you spend time with your family, friends and co-workers. What we sometimes fail to do, however, is realize how important our differences are. After all, they are what makes us who we are. In the book *WORKS WELL WITH OTHERS* Esquire Editor Ross McCammon takes us into how his skills helped to create the opportunity for where he is today, and how by analyzing our own lives and the way we handle situations will define how our own skills can make room for us. Whether we are talking about the approach we should have in an interview or even what we should and shouldn't say on an elevator, McCammon covers it all, using himself as an example. This book has its humorous moments but also can help you to become a little reflective about yourself and the way you handle situations. Two things I hope you take away from it that benefited me is to do your best in everything you do and don't take yourself too seriously. Life is a whole lot more enjoyable when you can really say you've lived it. If we approach *WORKS WELL WITH OTHERS* with that attitude I think we can get some amazing lessons from it, too.

This book is a road map for succeeding in life, and is so much more than just another vanilla "how-to/self-help book," even if one of the criticisms I read make it sound that way. While I agree that eye contact and the importance of shaking hands properly may be obvious to some (not everyone though--if that was the case, more people might excel at interviews), this book succeeds in explaining how to be outstanding in and out of your workplace, i.e. it's okay to make mistakes or admit that you don't know something. I want to read more books by this author because his style is disarmingly inviting. Yes, it's a bit short, but he condenses a huge amount of helpful life skills without droning on for chapter after chapter. Who has time for that anyway? This is a

universally helpful, smart and engaging read with lots of self-effacing humor. It's also very relatable because Ross McCammon reveals so much about himself and, by extension, humanity.

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