

Emily Post

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Emily Post (October 27, 1873 - September 25, 1960) was a United States author who promoted what she considered "proper etiquette". She wrote books surrounding the topic of etiquette.

Post was born as **Emily Price** in Baltimore, Maryland, and was born into privilege as the only daughter of famous architect Bruce Price and his wife Josephine Lee Price. She was educated at home and attended Miss Graham's finishing school in New York, where her family had moved. A popular debutante, she married society banker Edwin Main Post in 1892 and had two sons, Edwin M. Jr. (1893) and Bruce Price (1895). The couple divorced in 1905, due to her

husband's affair with a showgirl.

At the turn of the century, financial circumstances compelled her to begin writing to earn money, and she produced newspaper articles on architecture and interior design as well as stories and serials for such magazines as *Harper's*, *Scribner's*, and *The Century*, as well as light novels, including *Flight of the Moth* (1904), *Purple and Fine Linen* (1906), *Woven in the Tapestry* (1908), *The Title Market* (1909), and *The Eagle's Feather* (1910).

She wrote in various styles, including humorous travel books, early in her career. In 1922 her book *Etiquette* (full title *Etiquette in Society, in Business, in Politics, and at Home*) was a best seller, and updated versions continued to be popular for decades.

After 1931, Post spoke on radio programs and wrote a column on good taste for the Bell Syndicate; it appeared daily in some 200 newspapers after 1932.

In 1946, she founded The Emily Post Institute which continues her work. She died in 1960 in her New York City apartment at the age of 86.

Peggy Post, Emily's great-granddaughter-in-law, is the current spokesperson for The Emily Post Institute — and writes etiquette advice for *Good Housekeeping* magazine, succeeding her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Post.

Peter Post, Emily's great-grandson, writes the "Etiquette at Work" column for the Sunday edition of the *Boston Globe*.

Emily Post's name has become

synonymous, at least in North America, with "proper" etiquette and manners. Nearly half a century after her death, her name is still used in titles of etiquette books.[1]

See also

- Book of the Civilized Man
- Miss Manners
- Letitia Baldrige

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- The Emily Post Institute
- Emily Post's *Etiquette* (1922), at Bartleby.com
- Online version of her 1922 *Etiquette in Society, in Business, in Politics and at Home*
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