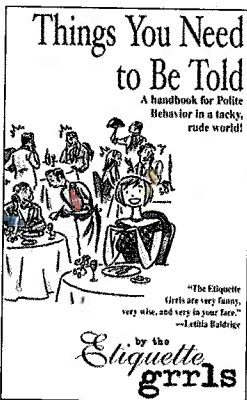


ALL A GIRL'S GOTTA KNOW

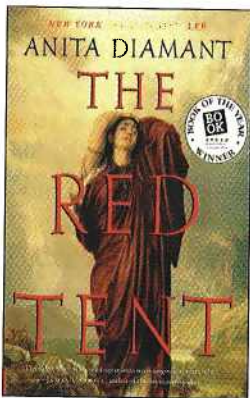
From dressing for success to baking cookies, the range of knowledge women are supposed to have in their repertoire is staggering. Here are a few books to help you add to your already well-rounded well of knowledge. Whether you are learning to gracefully break up with a boyfriend or break through the mystery that is your home fuse box, you may surprise even your smartest of friends.

By Cheryl F. Hendrick



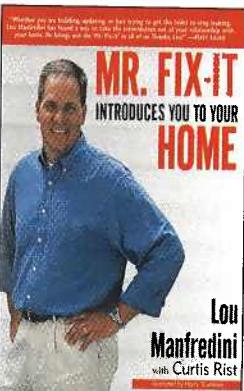
THINGS YOU NEED TO BE TOLD: A HANDBOOK FOR POLITE BEHAVIOR IN A TACKY, RUDE WORLD

From the authors of the wildly popular web site, EtiquetteGrrls.com, comes this Emily Post of the Electronic Age, as it explores whether chivalry is dead and why people's phones ring in the middle of restaurants. These girls are on a crusade to restore the social graces and deepen American "culture," all accompanied by the perfect martini. (Check out our feature on The Ugly American on page 50 to see if you may need a refresher course in culture.)



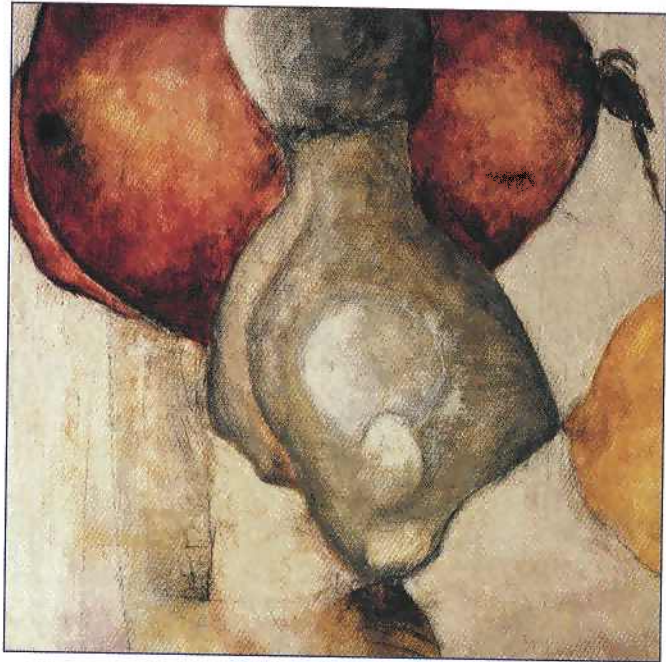
THE RED TENT

Stronger than none other, the bond between women is something you cannot learn; it is ingrained. Well over two years after its initial release, Anita Diamant's fictive flight based on the Book of Genesis' shocking mention of Dinah, the offspring of Jacob and Leah, has remained an intimidating bestseller. From cruel relations to sweet motherhood memories, this journey through Dinah's life is an amazing tale of jealousy and love, betrayal and power, all woven through the intense connection among women.



MR. FIX-IT INTRODUCES YOU TO YOUR HOME

Although it's not very glamorous, understanding how your house works will help you settle into your home. Expert Lou Manfredini brings tips from his nationally syndicated radio show and regular Today Show appearances as he introduces you to your home, taking you through every aspect (including the kitchen sink) of how your house "works." This anatomy lesson will answer every question you could ever ask, from what's behind your walls to where does the laundry water go?



NEW EXPRESSIONS

Jedd Haas takes Visceralism to a whole new level

By Rebecca Winkel

We have Impressionism, Baroque, Expressionism, Cubism, Renaissance, and now - "Visceralism?" Maybe. If Jedd Haas continues to paint and philosophize across the country we will. Haas' "visceralistic" paintings are incisive compositions and simultaneously bold in color. At the young age of 30, Haas has already developed his own theory of art expression ready for textbooks. His "Visceralist Manifesto" was first proposed when friends inquired about the conceptual ideas that came into play within his work. Over the years Visceralism has taken shape and central tenets have emerged.

"The essence of Visceralism is a sudden grasp on the senses; the pleasure of color; and the enactment of bold composition. Visceralism has no use for pseudo-Impressionism; the dripping vagaries of 'bad painting'; the stultifying formalism of the academy; or the pissant parasite of plastic painting," says Haas.

"Visceralism embraces the lush juiciness of oil; bold strokes of graphite; and the vigorous exercise of addictive tools. Visceralism is all about the kind of oil painting you can sink your teeth into, metaphorically speaking. Visceralism embraces all forms of depiction, whether representational or abstract. Visceralism knows no boundaries, other than remaining true to the spirit of the brush that calls it forth."

Most often it is the art historians or cultural commentators who set out to define art and not the artists themselves. Haas hands the public the whole picture of thought and relieves us from the gnawing question, "What was he thinking?"

Haas' Visceralist Manifesto series is on exhibit at Gallery Tungsten, New Orleans, LA.

For more information call 504.483.0064 or visit gallerytungsten.com