



About Chris Palzis

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Chris Palzis, author of the *Goodness Gracious Club* kids' books series, will be the first to tell you that he didn't have much of an option when it came to learning good manners. "I was surrounded by women," he quips. "My grandmother, my mother and my sister made it clear to me at a very young age that I'd better be treating everyone – from every walk of life – politely and with respect. And, of course, in *that* household, I certainly learned to revere women with chivalry and sensitivity."

Shortly after his parents divorced, Chris was uprooted from his elementary school in Honolulu, Hawaii, and moved to Australia. Struggling once again as an outsider in a land of closely-knit natives, his manners, sportsmanship and even grades were put to the test. "I've been there as a miserable kid, so I understand where a lot of kids are coming from these days. They're doing their best to fit in and be accepted, but many of them don't possess the tools to make it easier on themselves. That's why writing these books became so important to me. These are tools for children to excel in the basic fundamentals of everyday life."

With good manners and graces on his side, Chris eventually won the Aussies over, only to be moved back to Honolulu to start all over again. With game face on, he worked his way into the same respected prep school that President Obama attended in Honolulu, and went on to the University of Southern California film school, where he studied screenwriting and communications.

Upon graduation, he worked with children as a Recreational Therapist at Leahi Hospital in Honolulu. Spending the majority of his life working with children he also donated his time as a Camp Counselor at the esteemed Tony Robbin's fouded Supercamps. He also spent his summers as a Summer Fun Counselor at the Kahala and Lanikila Recreational Centers. After a brief stint in film production Chris turned his attention from script writing to book writing ... for young children. "It wasn't my plan to write kids' books, but someone had to get the message out there – so I decided that someone would be me," says Chris.

His first book, ***Good Manners Are Fun***, resulted when a friend's children were behaving so poorly that Chris made a beeline for the largest bookstore to find a remedy read. To his surprise, he found very little material on the subject and most of that material was written to adults, not the children themselves. Days later, he had an initial book draft and was scouting for an illustrator. Upon finding Ron Noble, the Emmy-award winning animation director for *The Rugrats*, Chris enthusiastically tackled two more related subjects – ***Good Sportsmanship is Fun*** and ***Good Grades Are Fun***.

Sold online at GoodnessGraciousClub.com and Amazon.com, the three books are quickly gaining notoriety with the radio and television media, and were recently featured on the ***Bravo*** channel as well as ***NBC***, ***CBS*** and ***FOX*** news. This Children's Book Author now spends his days fielding interviews, speaking at elementary school events, and signing books for parents and kids at bookstores everywhere.

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