

How To Be Awesome

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dedication

This book is dedicated to every awesome person in my life. Especially my awesome parents, my awesome friends, and my awesome teachers.

Special thanks to everyone who inspired me with their awesomeness, everyone who helped me out by telling me stories of awesome things, and everyone I've ever given out a card that says 'you're awesome' on it. Thank you.

intro

How to be Awesome started out with a very simple idea. Everyone has something they do that is awesome in some way. I want people to find this, and let the awesomeness come out in everyday life. This book offers simple ways to show how awesome you are; things to do to become a better person.

This idea of awesomeness started when I made 1000 business cards with the simple statement of “you’re awesome” printed on them. This started a huge social art project for me. I started handing out cards that said other things; “you’re amazing”, “smile, it looks good on you.”, and a few others. I have handed out these cards to thousands of people, and it really is an awesome thing to do. It is amazing to make someone’s day, to bring a smile to their face. Getting to meet so many people very quickly and becoming “the guy with the cards” really made me think what ‘awesomeness’ really was.

How to be Awesome grew from this. I thought about why I was giving people these cards. What made them special? What makes someone stand out as an awesome person? I started to make a list of these things. Of course, it is no where near a complete list, but it is a pretty good start. Some are serious, some are more light-hearted, but if you can do all of these, you will be well on your way to being a very awesome person.

What is awesomeness? I really can’t say. Awesomeness means so many different things to so many different people. To me, awesomeness is something that makes me remember someone or something. Something special. Something amazing.

1. Be yourself.

2. Have a cool hairstyle.

3. *Always* hold the door for someone.

4. Learn some
dance moves.

**5. Keep up-to-date
on current news.**

6. Don't be afraid
to karaoke.

7. Compliment a complete stranger.

8. Learn to play the guitar.

9. Always try your
hardest.

10. Leave big tips.

11. Do your
homework.

12. Climb a tree.

13. Carry someone's groceries to their car.

14. Listen to good music.

15. Find what you
love, do it.

16. Read books.

17. Don't judge
people.

18. Workout.

19. Have fun with
your friends.

20. Make a sweet
YouTube video.

21. Don't be afraid
to do something
embarrassing.

22. Buy pizza for all
your friends.

23. Challenge
yourself to be
better.

24. Go to your
friend's band's
concert.

25. Smile.

26. Be a good
person.

27. Perform random acts of kindness.

28. Buy lemonade
from the little boy
on the corner.

29. Hug your mom.

30. Hug your dad.

31. Edit Wikipedia.

32. Dress nicely.

33. Show no fear.

34. Use correct
grammar.

35.

Dance in
public.

36. Appreciate art.

37. Support local stores.

38. Have a firm
handshake.

39. Don't
worry about
what other
people think.

40. Know some
good jokes.

41. Call your
parents.

42. Know how to tie
a tie.

43. Always help a friend in need.

44. Don't get
mad at fast-food
employees.

45. Respect
everyone.

46. If you own a
funny hat, wear it.

47. Stay true to
your word.

48. Stand up for
someone.

49. Appreciate life.

50. Love.

51. Keep calm.

52. Party.

53. Be confident.

**54. Wear
sunglasses.**

**55. Donate to
charities.**

**56. Listen to 80's
music.**

57. Be friendly.

58. Own this book.

**59. Take public
transportation.**

60. Take walks in
the woods.

61. Talk to your
grandparents.

62. Always try to become a better person.

63. Forgive
and forget.

64. Try new things.

65. Sing loudly.

66. Be open-minded.

67. Smile.

68. Learn how to
drive stick-shift.

69. Drink tea.

70. Paint a picture.

71. Support
independent
filmmakers.

72. Fingerprint with
your niece.

73. Stand up for
what you believe in.

74. Don't brag.

75. Be a role model.

76. Inspire someone.

77. Use your
turn signals,
every single
time.

78. Read
the classics.

79. Have no regrets.

80. Don't
spoil
movies.

81. Don't swear in front of children.

82. Play a sport.

83.
Learn
about
politics.

84. Vote.

85. Rock climb.

86. Use a reusable shopping bag.

87. Don't drink
bottled water.

88. Always provide a shoulder to cry on.

89. Go on a roadtrip.

90. Speak in public.

91. Don't spit.

92. Remember those
who help you.

93. Always say
“thank you”.

94. Believe
in yourself.

95. Make something.

96. Always stop at
a lemonade stand.

97. Be up to the task.

98. Do what you
want to do.

99. Do what makes
you happy.

100. BE YOURSELF

thank you for reading, you're making my dreams come true.

