

## Q&amp;A

## Joy Weaver

## High energy speaker teaches social protocol and etiquette.

Joy has been featured nationally on ABC's "The View," CBS's "The Early Show", in the *Associated Press*, *Southern Living Magazine*, *New York Times* and *USA Today* to name a few. She is also the author of *Just Ask Joy: How to Be Socially Savvy in All Situations*, which is highly endorsed by Zig Ziglar. In her book she polishes the reader by providing 52 easy-to-read lists which cover "Power Tips and Avoidable Faux Pas" for business and social situations. If you want to be Socially Savvy or have an etiquette question, "Just Ask Joy... The Protocol Expert."

Joy's mother died when she was born so she was raised by an elderly aunt in a small Texas town. She considers her success a miracle.

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**Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

Tuscola, Texas.

**What is something interesting about your birthplace or hometown?**

Home town of Colt McCoy current Quarterback of the Cleveland Browns and former QB for UT - he put Tuscola on the map.

**What are some memorable things about your teenage years?**

I was homecoming queen and head cheerleader, but I was a real tomboy growing up, never liked dolls, had a Harley Davidson by 6th grade. Ended up wrecking & knocked-out my teeth. Had to wear false teeth until I was grown and could finally get dental implants. That was all very, very memorable!



"If you have a 'mess' in your life, you have a message."

**Worst job?**

A lifeguard for one summer. Worst part: I did not know how to swim - still don't!

**What annoys you?**

Being around rude people, peo-

ple with bad manners.

**What has been your proudest moment?**

When Zig Ziglar "Highly" endorsed my *Socially Savvy* book. I remember the very moment I

heard that wonderful voice of his on my phone saying he wanted not just to endorse my book, but "Highly" endorse it.

**What do you know for sure?**

Money does not mean class.

**What are things you are crazy about?**

My husband, good friends, technology, sports, good music, pets, laughing, traveling, learning, tabletops, handbags, and good manners.

**What is your wildest dream?**

To have my own television show. To create my own line of greeting cards.

**How would you live your life differently if fear was never a factor?**

I would have my own TV show and a greeting card line.

**What has been a recent blow to your pride?**

After being on a National TV show a little girl came running up to me - I thought she was going to ask me sign an autograph - she asked me, "Where's the bathroom?"

**What are some inventions we take for granted?**

Technology & medicine.

**Who are some favorite performers (in any genre)?**

Diana Ross, Elton John, Casting Crowns, Wynonna, Travis Tritt and of course Luther Vandross.

A mixtape you made would have to include these songs: "A Song for You" by Ray Charles, Ain't No Mountain High Enough-Diana Ross, Your Song by Elton John, Willie Nelson's "Angel Flying to Close to the Ground," and Prestonwood Choir.

**Who are some favorite authors?**

I'll read anyone's biography! Everyone has a story inside them. Most people have been tested



or have been in some kind of mess in their lives. I always say, if you have a mess - then you have a message. If you have had a test, then you have a testimony. You must tell your story to help others.

**What are some things on your 'bucket list'?**

There is a whole lot of this world I have not seen and there are many people out there to inspire to be the best they can be.

**What is something that you wish you knew how to do?**

Speak French.

**What well-known person do you think is the perfection of physical beauty?**

Jennifer Lopez, we got to hang out with her and Marc Anthony in the Green Room when I was on *The View*. She had a lovely personality and was stunningly beautiful.

**Who is someone who has done remarkably great things for our country?**

Anyone who has or is serving in our Military. I pray for their safety everyday, and I can't see a person in military uniform without crying. I am very proud to be an American!

**What are some beautiful places you have seen in this world?**

So many places in the US are spectacular. Also Paris, Athens, Venice, Banff, & Lake Louise to name a few.

**What have you seen that was breathtaking or makes you say "Wow"?**

Looking over the Holy City of Jerusalem the first time from above the Garden of Gethsemane.

**What is your latest hobby?**

Cooking. I've taught myself to cook watching The Food Channel. I DVR The Barefoot Contessa everyday and whatever she makes, I cook it the next night. I also like Claire Robinson and Giada.

**What do you splurge on?**

I never shampoo my hair at home, I always have it shampooed & blown-out.

**Name the worst problem facing the US?**

Government size & spending, along with the decay of family values.

**What are you tired of hearing about or tired of seeing?**

Reality TV. I just read there are over 200 Reality TV shows on every week. They are BORING - nothing ever really happens. I don't understand how they stay on the air.

**What is unfathomable to you?**

Blaming the past.

**Describe something in your life that you consider a miracle.**

My life as an Etiquette Expert. My mother died when was borne. I was raised in the middle of nowhere by an elderly aunt. The odds of me becoming an author, writing a book called *Socially Savvy*, and becoming a professional speaker were slim and none. I'll never get over God's grace in my life and the plans & purpose He has for me. I am living prove that sometimes He takes the most least likely person and does the most unlikely thing in their lives to prove His goodness.

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about relationships, the rest is just details.

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