

Boys Will Be Men

Raising Our Sons for Courage, Caring, and Community

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WHILE THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT PRODUCED

dynamic changes in society's assumptions about girls' roles, little has changed about our attitude toward the role of boys. The cycle of violence and oppression that is killing so many young people, and especially boys, will not stop until boys are raised to become part of the struggle to end it.

Drawing on his decades of experience as a social activist and his anti-violence work with men and teens, Kivel challenges the traditional training boys receive. He sorts out and helps parents grapple with the complex forces in our sons' lives, including racism, homophobia, pornography, drugs, classism, consumerism, sex, and living in violent environments. Then, Kivel provides the practical tools to empower boys to take the courageous step out of the "act like a man" box and become allies to themselves, each other, and all those who are vulnerable to violence and injustice in our society. The end result gives the reader a powerful vision of raising our sons to be the critically thinking, socially-invested men we need for a multicultural and democratic society.

Boys Will Be Men is for all parents who have a vision of a society where peace and justice exist; for parents raising their sons in economically disadvantaged communities; for feminists who feel confused about raising their sons, and for parents of color who need to add their sons' strength to their communities.

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