

Boys' Resources

Books

Akagi, C. *Dear Michael*. Gylantic Publishing, 1996.

"This book uses letters written from a mother to her son to educate about sexuality."

Baron-Cohen, Simon *The Essential Difference: The Truth about the Male and Female Brain*. Basic Books, 2003.

"Summary of research highlighting biological differences between men and women."

Braun Levine, Suzanne. *Father Courage*. Harcourt Publishing, 2000.

"Interesting look at issues that arise when men try to put family first. It includes discussion of impact on marriage, work, family economics and parity with regard to domestic tasks."

Brotherson, Sean. *Why Fathers Count*. Mens Studies Press, 2007.

"Collection of short pieces exploring a range of fathering issues."

Crutcher, Chris. *Athletic Shorts*. Laurel Leaf Books, 1991.

"Young adult audience collection of short stories about boys and sports. Insightful examination of gender roles, boys and relationships, etc."

Fletcher, Ralph. *Boy Writers: Reclaiming Their Voices*. Stenhouse, 2006.

"Practical ideas for engaging boy writers."

Gallas, Karen. *Imagination and Literacy, A Teacher's Search for the Heart of Learning*. Teachers College Press, 2003.

"Ideas to tap imagination to more fully engage students in literacy."

Garbarino, James. *Lost Boys*. Free Press, 1999.

"Clinical discussion of interviews with incarcerated boys. Offers a humane look at boys otherwise warehoused in juvenile systems."

Goldberg, Gail and Roswell, Barbara. *Reading Writing and Gender: Instructional Strategies and Classroom Activities that Work for Girl and Boys*. Eye on Education, 2002.

"Based on research on gender differences in reading and writing, this book offers instructional strategies and classroom activities to help boys and girls develop as readers and writers."

Gilbert and Gilbert. *Masculinity Goes to School*. Routledge, 1998.

"Explores the intersection of race, class, and sexual orientation with gender."

Grant, Hiton, and Mortola. *BAM! Boys Advocacy and Mentoring: A Leader's Guide to Facilitating Strengths Based Groups For Boys*. Routledge Press, 2007.

"Activities to help boys develop relational skills and examine messages of masculinity through physical challenges and strategic storytelling."

Greene, Ross. *The Explosive Child*. Quill Books, 2001.

"Helpful resource for parents to support chronically inflexible and easily frustrated children."

- Gurien, Michael. *The Wonder of Boys*. Tarcher/Putnam, 1996.
“Provocative book emphasizing biological influences on boys’ development and suggestions for supporting boys within their nature.”
- Hiton, Howard. *Building on Strengths: Helping Boys Succeed in Portland Public Schools* is available at WWW.HitonAssociates.net
- Hoyt, Linda. *Snapshots: Literacy Minilessons Up Close*. Heinemann, 2000.
“174 lessons on creating a more engaging and kinesthetic literacy learning environment.”
- Hrabowski, Freeman. *Beating The Odds: Raising Academically Successful African Americans*. Oxford Press, 1998.
“Investigation of factors that lead to successful African American male college students.”
- Katch, Jane. *Under Deadman’s Skin. Discovering the Meaning of Children’s Violent Play*. Beacon Press, 2001.
“A kindergarten teacher learns to understand the role of violence in her student’s play. A nice job of entering into young boy’s hearts and minds.”
- Keene, Ellin and Zimmerman Susan. *Mosaic of Thought*. Heinemann, 1997.
“Readable book looking at research and application to improve reading comprehension.”
- King, Bart. *The Big Book of Boy Stuff*. Gibbs Smith, 2004.
“Collection of boy humor, experiments, fun activities, and weird facts. Includes a good book list.”
- Kivel, Paul. *Boys Will Be Men*. New Society Publishers, 1999.
“Raising sons to be positive community members. Looks at social issues such as sexism and racism. Offers opportunities for personal reflection through discussion prompts.”
- Louv, Richard. *Last Child in the Woods*. Algonquin Books, 2006.
“Makes a compelling case for the importance of unstructured time spent in nature.”
- Marx, Jeffrey. *Season of Life*. Simon and Schuster, 2003.
“An account of a high school football coach and his intentionality about modeling what it means to be a good man.”
- MacDonald, Barry. *Boy Smarts. Mentoring Boys for Success at School*. Mentoring Press, 2006.
“A good collection of ideas exploring a range of issues related to boys’ education.”
- Newberger, Eli. *The Men They Will Become*. Perseus Books, 1999.
“Excellent comprehensive discussion of male development. Discusses issues pertinent to males at each developmental stage from infancy to young adulthood.”
- Newkirk, Thomas. *Misreading Masculinity: boys, literacy and popular culture*. Heinemann, 2002.
“A look at boys and their literary preferences. Suggests we find new ways to evaluate boys’ writing.”

- O'Connell, Mark. *The Good Father*. Scribner, 2005.
"Well handled examination of fathering. The book looks at masculinity in general, the role dads play, and how dads parent differently from mothers."
- Petrash, Jack. *Covering Home*. Robins Lane Press, 2000.
"This book uses the metaphor of baseball to discuss fathering."
- Pollack, William. *Real Boys*. Random House, 1998.
"Looks at the impact of social influences on boys and offers suggestions to help boys survive those pressures."
- Pruett, Kyle. *Fatherneed*. Free Press, 2000.
"Research on the important roles that fathers play in the raising of their children."
- Real, Terrence. *I Don't Want To Talk About It. Overcoming the Secret Legacy of Male Depression*. Simon and Schuster, 1997.
"Excellent insight into how depression manifests in men."
- Rotz, Richard and Wright Sarah. *Fidget to Focus*. iUniverse, 2005.
"Sensory strategies for living with ADD."
- Sachs, Brad. *The Good Enough Teen*. Perennial Currents, 2005.
"Thought provoking advice on understanding adolescence and prompts to consider how our own adolescence influences that understanding."
- Sax, Leonard. *Why Gender Matters*. Doubleday, 2005.
"Summary of research highlighting biological differences between men and women."
- Scieszka, John. *Guys Write For Guys Read*. Viking, 2005.
"Short biographical pieces by many boy friendly authors and illustrators."
- Smith, Michael and Wilhelm, Jeffrey. *Reading Don't Fix no Chevy's: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men*. Heinemann, 2002.
"Examines how boys look at reading and shares strategies to improve boys' reading skills."
- Silverstein, Olga. *The Courage To Raise Good Men*. Viking, 1994.
"Emphasizes the importance of mothers in developing emotionally healthy sons."
- Thompson, Michael. *Raising Cain*. Ballantine, 2000.
"Thoughtful approach to raising boys' emotional literacy."
- Thompson, Michael. *It's a Boy*. Ballantine, 2008.
"Follows boys from birth to age 18 with practical suggestions and further resources."
- Vizzini, Ned. *Be More Chill*. Miramax Books, 2004.
"A young adult novel exploring the elements of 'cool' for teen boys."

Wilhelm, Jeffrey. *Action Strategies for Deepening Comprehension*. Scholastic, 2002.
“Examples of techniques that engage students with text.”

VIDEOS

Cambridge Educational. *Body Image for Boys*. 800-468-4227

“Explores the issues facing young men today as they struggle to define themselves amidst the flood of media generated images of male physical perfection”

Family Health Productions. *Real Strength: Boys Talk About Life*. Po Box 1799, Gloucester, MA 01931, (978) 282-9970

“Boys talk honestly about teasing, fitting in, expressing emotions, and sexual decisions”

Fathers' Involvement in Children's Learning (CD-ROM). 1-800-USA-LEARN

Media Education Foundation. *Beyond Beats and Rhymes*, Media Education Foundation Inc., 26 Center Street, Northampton, MA 01060, (800) 897-0089

“Deconstructs hip hop culture to explore messages of violence and misogyny.”

Media Education Foundation. *Tough Guise*, Media Education Foundation Inc., 26 Center Street, Northampton, MA 01060, (800) 897-0089

“Examines the relationship between popular culture and masculine identity.”

Newist/Cesa. *What's Up With Middle School Guys?*, Northeastern Wisconsin In-School Telecommunications, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311, (920) 465-2599

“Middle school boys talk candidly about school, emotions, family, friends, and sex.”

Web Sites

www.penguinputnam.com. Guys Read, a literacy initiative for boys from Jon Scieszka.

www.bamgroups.com. The Boys Advocacy and Mentoring (BAM!) site. Learn about BAM! groups and how they help boys connect through physical challenge and strategic storytelling.

www.boystomen.info. An outstanding Portland, Maine organization that demonstrates a community's efforts to more intentionally support boys.