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- and more

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Lynn Mathieu says

This book showed me that we need the old fashioned values of strength, honesty, integrity and wisdom, to know even basic smarts and values that are lacking among young men today.

Jimmy Reagan says

Do you ever worry about instilling character and values into your sons? Do you even feel awkward about it in light of our culture's rewrite of what it even means to be a man? What values most need reinforcing? This volume by Rick Johnson and published by Revell can be a help to you.

Johnson takes from the lives of twelve great men from history to illustrate great character traits that we so need to see in the next generation of men. Personally, I find some of the men more worthy of emulation than others in his list, but he does a fine job drawing these traits out of the men he looked at. His rationale is that boys need role models. It is the absolute best way to see these traits in our boys. What is modeled will be followed!

It is not just biography we find here, however, as he gives practical advice of how to help boys take these traits into the fabric of their being.

He is not afraid to be politically incorrect and that certainly makes the volume refreshing. I agree that it is time we quit going with the current of cultural downgrades and turn and swim toward what previous generations almost intuitively knew. Our boys are too important to play the games played today!

There is little Gospel here. He is not writing about what God can do, but what we should do. For what it is, it is good and I recommend it.

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Mark says

I don't have any kids, nor will I likely ever have any, but I still like to review books like these once in a while to see what is out there to recommend to others, and to help get the word out about books like these.

This book was written as a help for parents in raising their sons to turn out to the men they should be. I have read a few books like this, and this is one of the best ones I have read. In each chapter, the author takes a well known man of character and a character trait that stood out in them. He discusses briefly the man, then goes

on to expound more on the character trait and how to instill it in boys.

The book is not just a helpful tool, it is an interesting read, and I found the idea of using men from history to help show the value of each character trait an excellent idea and it makes the book even easier to glean helpful information from. I would recommend this book for any parents that have sons they are trying to raise right.

Ashley says

A fantastic resource for this mom of two boys. I've read through and continue to read sections here and there. Johnson gives so many examples and shares so much wisdom on how boys need to grow up and become men, real men. I will recommend this book to any parent, especially moms, that want to guide their little boys in their journey to growing in to strong men of godly character.

Laura says

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In today's society of broken homes, single moms, and dads that are little more than token figures, this is an outstanding book about what it takes to turn our sons into men that we can be proud of. It is readable,

approachable, and godly, making this one of the few parenting books on raising boys I've read this year that I can recommend.

If you are a father, you need to read this book. If you are the mother of a father, get this for your son. If you are the wife of a father, get this for your husband. Recommended for church libraries and pastor's studies as well. \$12.99. 208 pages.

Lindsey Silvestrini says

As the mother of a five year old boy, I have spent many moments pondering how to raise him to be a successful man when I am not a man myself. A Man in the Making is the perfect tool to read about raising a son.

I'm not a single mom but I do most of the parenting in my house as my husband works long hours. This concerns me so I am happy to read any tool available although after reading it, I think this is a book both parents should read.

Coming from a woman's perspective I can see why these recent generations of boys without dads around isn't learning how to be a man in this world. With an emphasis on being nice and polite as the focus, moms are not raising boys to be men. In all honesty, until I read this I probably shared this perspective. But as Johnson points out, sometimes being a man, a leader and a teacher means doing that which is not considered to be the nicest option.

I really liked the format of this book with each chapter choosing a person in history who has emulated this character trait. I especially liked the chapter on Hardihood and Resiliency with Jedediah Smith's story. My son is a sensitive soul and I worry that the world will be a hard place for him to live in.

Equipping him with the tools to succeed and not be ruled by his emotions is crucial. Johnson also points out how to accomplish this in each chapter which I really appreciated.

Boys need healthy role models in their lives to teach them how to be a man. Hopefully it's their dad but if not, they still need to be taught even without the live in example. A Man in the Making is an Invaluable tool to achieve this and I've already discussed a lot of what I've learned with my husband. The road ahead looks a little less intimidating with a map.

Victor Gentile says

Rick Johnson in his new book, "A Man In The Making" published by Revell gives us Strategies to Help Your Son Succeed in Life.

From the back cover: How does a boy become a man of character?

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With the understanding gleaned from this insightful book, you can positively influence your son's life—in a way that will last him a lifetime.

Our fathers did a great job with us and we are both proud of them and thankful to them for what they have accomplished. If they had the strategies outlined in this book perhaps they could have done an even better job with us? When we don't have a plan-a recipe-then the boy we are raising may turn out well, as planned, or he may fall a little short of the mark. Mr. Johnson believes in a plan for success in raising our boys. He clearly outlines this plan by looking at the lives of twelve men from politics, religious leaders, artists and The Bible. It is time fathers had a user guide to help them raise their sons. Mr. Johnson has given us a book that can be referred to over and over again. "A Man In The Making" is a book for all men to help raise their boys to manhood. This is a book to give to any man who has a son or potentially will have a son. Everyone will benefit from the results.

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Jonathan says

This book could have been a little more in depth and added a little more scripture to support his points, but with that said that wasn't the focus of his book. In his introduction he makes it very clear that while the majority of the great men in history who made a lasting impact had a belief in God and Judeo-Christian beliefs, he wanted to focus on the non-moral and faith based characteristics that are required of men. His focus was to deliver a message to the culture about raising men, not necessarily raising Christian men.

This book met me where I was already at in preparing men (and myself). I have 2 boys, 4 and 7, that I'm preparing for manhood, and I had already thought through some of these characteristics to teach, but this book helped me fine tune my focus both in a big picture and practical terms. Even if you are not raising boys or have raised boys to the young adult stage this book is an excellent reflection point for your life and how to proceed in mentoring young men.

The book is a quick and easy read, I completed it in 2 weeks and I'm a slow reader. The general format of each chapter is: define the characteristic, give a short biography of a great person in history that demonstrated the characteristic as a prominent feature of his life, discuss the philosophy of the characteristic and then give practical ways to help train the characteristic in your sons.

Michelle Hart says

The author is very anti-feminism, but does have some good points about the character traits our sons need to be men. In short, this is a good book for gleaning ideas and leaving the drivel, if you can grit your teeth past the 'our society is too feminized' junk. Basically, it's like shopping at Goodwill, quickly move past the trash to find the treasures. ;) Unless you are also anti-feminism, in which case you will love every word he says.

Colleen says

This book was only ok. I agree with the values that he thinks we should instill in our sons and I liked the quotes he included from great people throughout history. I didn't like that he seemed to just be using this book to get up on his soap box and preach his one-sided ideas. He was quite negative towards women and femininity and our world in general. I liked the first few chapters then after that it seemed like he was saying the same stuff but in a different way and I got bored easily. Although I don't completely agree with his idea of what a "whole man" should be or how we should teach our son to become one, he did make some valid points.

Cafelilybookreviews says

This was an excellent book and I highly recommend that ALL parents raising boys, read this. Each chapter focuses on a well known male (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr, John Wooden and more) and an attribute that he demonstrated during his life.

Virtues such as common sense, wisdom, compassion, integrity, vision and others, are explained and the author gives good suggestions on how to teach these to your son. In a society where young men are seriously lacking in strong male role models, this book encourages parents (especially fathers) to get involved and stay in tune with the young men they are raising.

After reading this book, I understood better how my teenage son might think or feel about certain things. It gave me some great insight on how to better communicate and address certain areas in his life.
