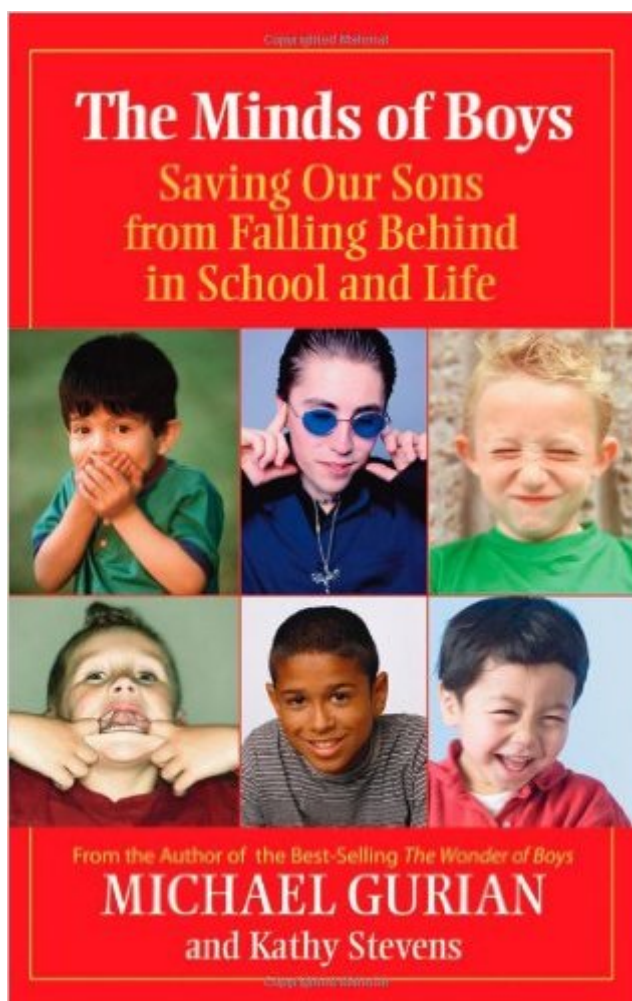


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# The Minds Of Boys: Saving Our Sons From Falling Behind In School And Life



## Synopsis

Michael Gurian's blockbuster bestseller *The Wonder of Boys* is the bible for mothers, fathers, and educators on how to understand and raise boys. It has sold over 400,000 copies, been translated into 17 languages, and sells over 25,000 every year, which is more than any other book on boys in history. To follow up on this first book, which launched the boy's movement, he has now written this revolutionary new book which confronts what he and a lot of other parents and teachers in this country truly believe to be a "boy's crisis". Here are the facts: Boys today are simply not learning as well as girls Boys receive 70% of the Ds and Fs given all students Boys cause 90% of classroom discipline problems 80% of all high school dropouts are boys Millions of American boys are on Ritalin and other mind-bending control drugs Only 40% of college students are boys And three out of four learning disabled students are boys So what can we do? Gurian has the answer in this enormously fascinating and practical book which shows parents and teachers how to help boys overcome their current classroom obstacles by helping to create the proper learning environment, understand how to help boys work with their unique natural gifts, nurture and expand every bit of their potential, and enabling them to succeed in life the way they ought to. Gurian presents a whole new way of solving the problem based on the success of his program in schools across the country, the latest research and application of neuro-biological research on how boys' brains actually work and how they can learn very well if they're properly taught. Anyone who cares about the future of our boys must read this book.

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## Customer Reviews

We have five children with three boys. All three have had problems ever since kindergarten. They are all now in middle school. Everything in subjects changes in middle school dividing the instruction among different teachers. It is highly more difficult as a child struggles with coping with the personality of each teacher and adapting to the individual instructional expectations in middle school. This alone is a challenge. If you have boys and they have ADHD or ADD, not only will the children become frustrated, but so do the parents as will the teachers. We were at our wit's end before our physician recommended *The Mind of Boys*. It made perfect sense to us as parents as we read things we had always noticed in our three boys. With book in tow, we set up an appointment with the school counselor of each boy. Each one had a different counselor leading us to have to meet with them more than once. Stress among our family, friends and relatives was at an all time high. After many conferences with teachers and doctors, things seem to be coming together for the first time since I can remember. *The Minds of Boys* has changed our life and we highly recommend it to any parent who has boys, to every teacher who teaches boys and to each counselor in every school district. If we can just save one family of having to go through what we did, it will be worth our testimonial. When we thought we might never have a normal family life, this book helped us to snap out of it and helped us to make sense of the incredible mess we demonstrated among ourselves in our personal relationship with our boys. It can change your life for the better.

The library at the college where I work puts out a list of new books they have purchased in our area once per month, and this book was on the psychology list back in January. I thought it looked interesting and picked it up then, thinking it might have some good things to say about a book I'm writing about men and depression. I finally picked it up and started reading it last week, and finished it in less than a week. I really enjoyed the authors' styles of writing which made some of the technical information more accessible and easier to understand, which to me means it would be a great resource for students studying education and for parents of boys of all ages. If it's so great, what's it about, you ask? A lot actually. The first thing that they discussed that caught my eye was the idea that for the past few years we've focused on girls and how to educate them better, and now the authors think it's time we focused on boys who were not doing well in school. It's not that we're helping girls to the detriment of boys, but now that we've helped girls it's time to focus on boy education. They describe some of their negative experiences with the education system, and it makes me realize that the things I've heard from guys about school all my life weren't just "coming from my friends." I always assumed I hung out with the non-academic guys or the extremely smart

guys who were just turned off by education. Come to find out there are a lot of boys (and future men) who were turned off to education by our educational system's lack of teaching them in a way that they can learn. As Gurian writes in another one of his books, *Boys and Girls Learn Differently!*

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