

## Books to grow on

### Raising Boys Without Men: How Maverick Moms are Creating the Next Generation of Exceptional Men

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Drawing on the results of her long-term study comparing boys from female-headed households with those raised in traditional families, research psychologist Dr. Peggy Drexler aims to debunk the prevailing notion that boys reared without a father are doomed for lives of failure. On the contrary, she says, raising thriving, emotionally healthy and masculine sons does not require a man in the house. Her research shows that boys raised without fathers are socially savvy, generous, caring communicators while still maintaining such boyish qualities as being passionate about sports and adept at roughhousing with friends. Her study also showed that such boys not only had a wider range of interests and friendships than boys from traditional families but they were also more at ease in situations of conflict and had a keen sense of justice and fairness.