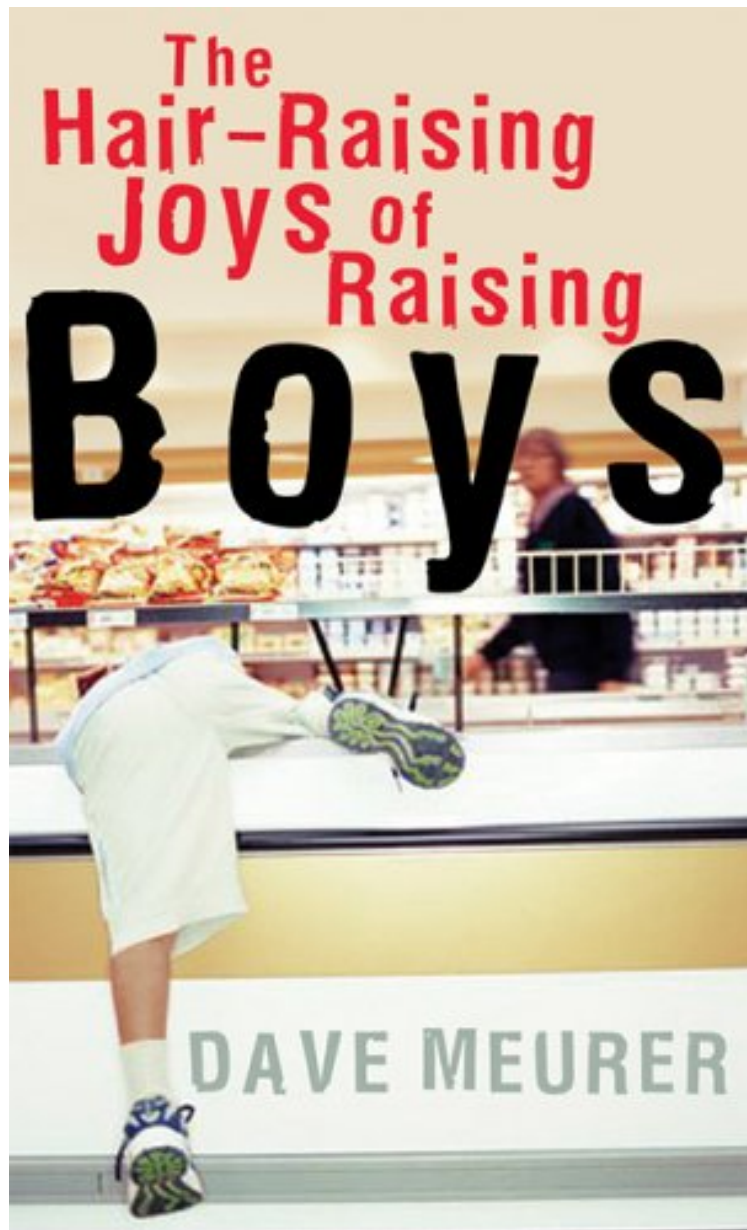


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**Dave Meurer : Hair-Raising Joys of Raising Boys, The** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hair-Raising Joys of Raising Boys, The:

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people found the following review helpful. Almost goodBy home\_enthusiastI picked up the book at the pharmacy since the picture on the cover and the title seemed to be what my life as a dad was! The Prologue was really funny and I thought it will be some good lighthearted reading. Love the authors hilarious style of writing.. but then it started and reached a crescendo at about chapter 6 or so... preaching. Christian or otherwise.. This is what I was not expecting to find... Too much faith based conversation. Further it reduces.. but pretty much at the end of each chapter threes some preaching-ish paragraph. Passing references to God etc would have been fine - but the extent to which Dave (the author) goes to - for me it took way the pure fun of a hilarious reading experience.Otherwise.. this is a excellent topic. Loved the "diaper" chapter.. And yes boys are weird. I have one girl too and I know what I am talking about :) Climbing on top of a freezer in the grocery shop seems perfectly logical to boys - not to girls. Also the "Hair" chapter was nice too. reminded me of my hair days.. Some one uploaded my high school group photos on Facebook... and I wanted to hide my face in shame!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Laughed out loud!By CustomerThis book is great, quick read. I disagree that the Biblical references took away from this book -- if anything, I thought it drove home the book's message: Children learn from from what you do, not from what you say.Merurer tells a story about trying to sit down and tell the story of David Goliath to his two young sons... it inevitably turns into a fiasco of bodily-function-humor and when the boys finally get the message, it turns out to be as a result of something they observed their Dad doing when he didn't realize they were paying attention.Half way through the book, I thought back and couldn't remember the author having come right out with a step-by-step... then I realized that he gets "it" across to the reader the same way he gets "it" across to his boys... with his actions.

"God designed parenthood to be an enormous character-building exercise," says frazzled dad Dave Meurer. In *The Hair-Raising Joys of Raising Boys*, he explores the meaningful reflections (a.k.a. the laugh-out-loud occurrences and been-there-done-that moments) that only dads can truly understand. From the seemingly impossible task of imparting moral guidance to getting boys to take their cold medicine, this insightful book brings out the humor in the practical challenges of raising sons. Yes, bringing up boys is a monumental, multiyear battle--and that's just trying to get them to eat their vegetables! But with Dave Meurer's help, readers will learn to value each moment with a little style, humor, and grace.Previously Published as *Boyhood Daze* Bethany, 1-55661-209-5

From the Back CoverAn instruction book to raising sons? They should come with a deactivate button!Raising boys is a monumental, multiyear battle, says frazzled dad Dave Meurer. But there's also an industrial-sized dose of laughter, just waiting to escape. *The Hair-Raising Joys of Raising Boys* explores many meaningful reflections (a.k.a. laugh-out-loud occurrences and been-there-done-that moments) that only dads can truly understand. In this entertaining book you'll discover the secrets of -infant male weaponry-outsmaning your boys-sound fiscal planning (and other quaint myths)-cherished family traditions and other dangers-and much moreThrough the hilarious happenings of his own parenting experiences, Dave Meurer will help you learn to value each moment with a little style, grace, and humor. Because sometimes you just need to laugh."Very funny stuff! This is a great 'guy' book-even if you're not a guy. The ballistic diaper chapter alone is well worth the price."--Laura Jensen Walker, author, *Thanks for the Mammogram!*"What a blast! Fortunately, Dave Meurer can get you out alive, laughing, and even a little smarter!"--David Kopp, founding editor of *Christian Parenting Today*About the AuthorDave Meurer, the father of two sons and the author of several nonfiction books, currently works for the United States House of Representatives as an aide to a California congressman. He lives with his family in northern California.