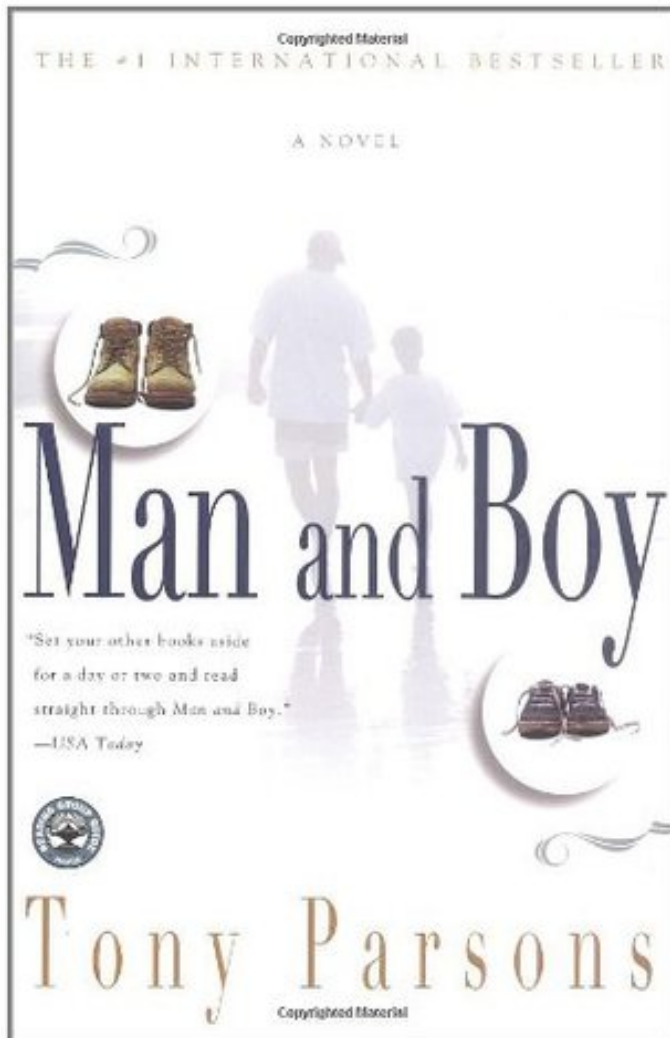


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## Man and Boy (Harry Silver #1)



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## Description

HE HAD TO FACE THE TOUGHEST JOB OF HIS LIFE. AND HE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT HE'D BE ON HIS OWN.

**Harry had it all** a beautiful wife, an adorable four-year-old son, and a high-paying media job. But on the eve of his thirtieth birthday, with one irresponsible act, he threw it all away. Suddenly he finds himself an unemployed single father trying to figure out how to wash his son's hair the way Mommy did and whether green spaghetti is proper breakfast food. This brilliantly engaging novel will tug at your heart as Harry learns to become a father to his son and a son to his aging father, takes stabs at finding new love, and makes the hardest decision of his life.

## Insightful reviews

Badly Drawn Girl:

This was a "beach read" book for me, meaning I didn't expect it to me much more than a cliched, easy reader that would be enjoyable in a mindless sort of way. But I quickly found myself totally involved in the book and the characters. Tony Parsons has taken an overdone topic and done it right. The emotions are spot on, the dialogue is believable, the plot is engaging and intriguing. My only grip is the ending which felt a bit forced but honestly it's a small thing in terms of the rest of the book. The most powerful part is the relationship between Harry and his father. Tony Parsons authentically captures all the nuances of man's relationship with his aging father. It was the most believable portrayal I've ever read, and let me tell you, I've read a lot of them.

In the end, I was very pleased with this book. I'm glad I went in with lower expectations because it allowed me to be fully blown away by the quality of the book.

Faith: My expectations on this book were high. And as soon as I finally got it from the library I Couldn't keep myself away from it. I Loved it from the first page to the last! On the cover it says that James brown has said in the Observer that he cried five times and laughed out loud four. I didn't really really cry, even thou the grandfather died. He was after all 70 something. And such happens everyday. I'm not saying that it isn't a big dela, cos it is, but I can never get that engaged. Whatever, I don't know why I'm writing this. As for the laughing. I alughed a lot more that four times. Pat, the boy, was just so cute.

Anyway. Man and Boy was Nick Hornby indeed, but even better actually. The book and the characters were just so symphatetic. Funny and hilarious and everything. Man and Boy is really about men in three generations. Gradfather Paddy, 70 something, typical for his generation, has been in the war, that is a very manly man. Father Harry, 30, left by his wife, forced to take care of his child by himself. Pat, 5, little cute boy with small worries. On the backcover Mail on Sunday says that the book is a love letter to a son from his father, and to a father from his son. That is absolutely right. A perfect way to describe the book.

Thames in the book are fathers and families in the chaotic world of today and the peaceful world of yesterday. (Ok, that's a little too rough.) Anyway. The role of the father in a family. Is the

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mother supposed to do all housework and mind the children and the father to go to work and bring in money? Hardly. Not today. But some men and woman still take for granted that there are separate men's and women's duties. Dad drives the car, and mum does the cooking. It's all about the upbringing. I mean, take our house. Mum seratinly used to do all the cooking and cleaning etc, and now when she can't, I do it. Well, not the cleaning, cos most of the time I don't see that necessary, but the cooking. Cos dad can't cook, but I can, even thou I hadn't cooked that much before I took over mun's duties. I couldn't imagine anything else. Well, I wonder if there's a point in this.

Anyway. I just loved the book, and am eagerly looking forward to reading the sequel and anything ekse by Tony Parsons.

Sunni: This is an engaging, smooth read and I would have rated it higher had I never read/seen "Kramer v. Kramer." I really felt this was borderline plagiarism and was very surprised the author could get away with recreating so much of that story, right down to details like carrying the child when he is injured on the playground. I am also surprised that 25 years later this story plays well. When Kramer came out, most men didn't have a clue about real hands-on parenting and a man with custody was unheard of...the "Mr. Mom" stories made great fodder. Today, I'd be hard-pressed to think of a young father who does not fully participate in every aspect of parenting (not housework mind you...we haven't come THAT far!). The protagonist does have some self-discoveries that were not covered in Kramer, but mostly it is the same book.

Christine Blachford: Plot: Harry sleeps with an individual and learns that one mistake can spell the tip of everything. His spouse leaves him and he has to benefit to deal with taking care of his child son. whilst she comes back, after a number of months, she expects her son again and Harry unearths it not easy to assert goodbye. Characters: the item is that it's instructed from Harry's aspect of view, that is reasonable enough, merely he's a man, who cheated and finally ends up taking care of a child. I'm a girl, I haven't cheated, and that i don't have a child. So i discovered it challenging to narrate to him. yet he's a real personality with loads of love going for him. Style Of Writing: Good, a bit masculine yet very open and infrequently funny. Overall Opinion: a pleasant story, good told, a bit too manly for me, yet I learn it and should learn the sequel and others via him. Recommended If: you must see parenthood from the opposite side.

Mel: sesuatu yang tampak sempurna, sesuatu yang didapatkan melebihi ekspektasi, sesuatu yang dihargai, atau bahkan dicintai, seperti anugrah yang tidak akan datang dua kali, tidak menjamin semua kisah berhenti seperti dongeng dengan finishing yang 'happily ever after'. tapi juga bukan berarti harus jadi gentar atau takut hingga tidak punya harapan baru. justru jadi peluang untuk mengorek lebih ke dalam diri, mencari keinginan hati terdalam dan kebenaran tentang diri sendiri, yang bisa jadi baru diketahui dikemudian hari. belakangan. setelah semua 'awalan' baik yang hancur dan porak poranda membuatnya menjadi satu dasar baru yang lebih kuat. fiksinya tidak berlebihan buat saya. menyentuh sisi-sisi sederhana realita. dan itu yang sangat saya sukai dari buku ini....love it.

Michael Armijo: A British best-seller...B+ to this one! i discovered this booklet at an airport bookstall in London, England. It used to be a British bestseller on the time. i used to be intrigued by means of the title. It ended up reminding me how "lucky" i've been in my life. lifestyles is

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unpredictable and we need to be satisfied it doesn't matter what it takes. there has been one occasion within the publication that absolutely shocked me, catching me absolutely offguard. that is a 'real find' in a book! this is not a dark book...it's a ebook approximately real-life, love and savoring the current moments full of happiness. attention-grabbing traces for me: because the lead character, Harry Silvers' father is dying: 'The worst factor approximately it', my father whispered within the darkness, 'is realizing what you may be missing. i do not suggest the issues that have not occurred yet--Pat's marriage ceremony day, seeing you ultimately settle down--but the issues that you're taking for granted. Seeing Pat journey his bike, telling him a story, kissing him goodnight. looking at him working round the backyard along with his bloody mild sabre. All these small issues that suggest greater than anything.'

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