

# Boys Will Be Boys: Uncovering the Harmful Impacts of Toxic Masculinity

"Boys will be boys" is a common phrase used to excuse bad behavior in young boys. But what if this phrase is actually ng more harm than good? In her groundbreaking book, *Boys Will Be Boys*, Dr. Kate Manne argues that the concept of toxic masculinity is a harmful ideology that stunts the emotional and psychological development of boys and young men.



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## What is Toxic Masculinity?

Toxic masculinity is a set of harmful stereotypes about what it means to be a man. These stereotypes include the belief that men should be strong, stoic, and aggressive. They also include the belief that men should be dominant over women and other marginalized groups.

Toxic masculinity is harmful because it limits boys' and young men's ability to express their full range of emotions. It also encourages them to engage in risky and harmful behaviors, such as bullying, violence, and substance abuse.

## **The Impact of Toxic Masculinity on Boys and Young Men**

Toxic masculinity has a devastating impact on boys and young men. It can lead to:

- Poor mental health
- Increased risk of violence and aggression
- Difficulty forming healthy relationships
- Lower academic achievement
- Increased risk of suicide

## **How to Break Free from Toxic Masculinity**

If you're a boy or young man who is struggling with the effects of toxic masculinity, there are things you can do to break free. Here are a few tips:

- **Challenge harmful stereotypes.** Don't let anyone tell you that you have to be a certain way because you're a boy. There is no one right way to be a man.
- **Express your emotions.** It's okay to cry, to be vulnerable, and to show your feelings. Don't bottle up your emotions because you're afraid of being seen as weak.

- **Build healthy relationships.** Surround yourself with people who support you and who make you feel good about yourself. Avoid people who try to pressure you to conform to harmful stereotypes.
- **Get help.** If you're struggling with the effects of toxic masculinity, don't be afraid to seek help from a therapist or counselor. A therapist can help you understand the impact of toxic masculinity on your life and develop strategies for coping with its effects.

Toxic masculinity is a harmful ideology that stunts the emotional and psychological development of boys and young men. It's time to break free from this harmful stereotype and to create a more inclusive and equitable world for all.



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