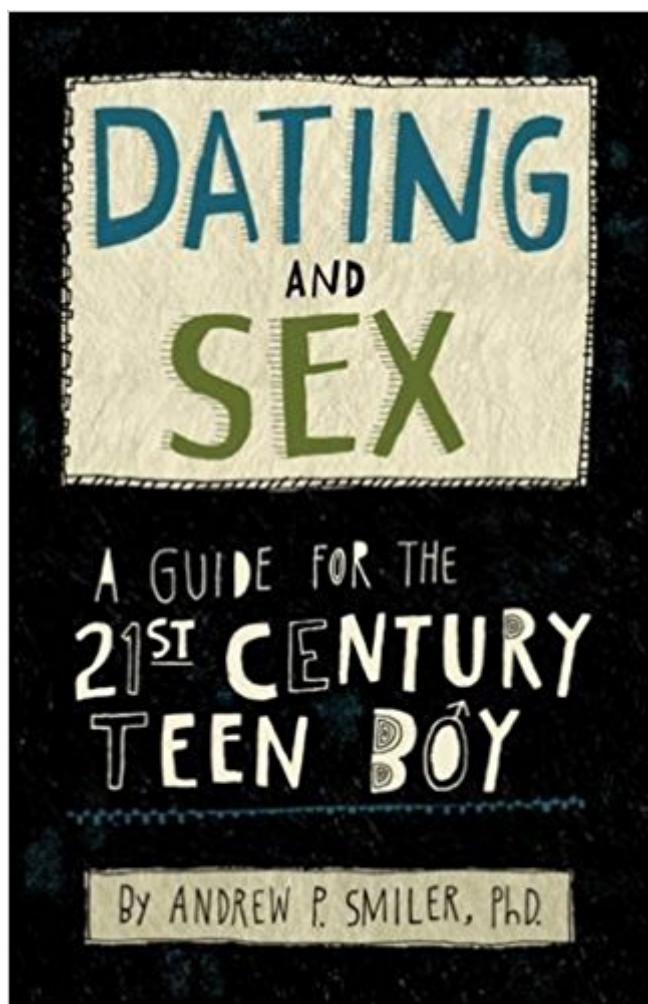


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Dating And Sex: A Guide For The 21st Century Teen Boy



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Customer Reviews

Smiler...has written an insightful and engaging work that explores dating and sex in a nonjudgmental manner.... Overall, this is a refreshing work that covers a number of pertinent issues (body image, masturbation, sexual identity, etc.) with sensitivity and clarity. --School Library Journal

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A great read for teen girls as well. It's good to know the other side.

Bought this book for my son and daughter in law, their son is 14.

This is a thoughtful book that covers an incredibly wide range of topics many of which often get ignored in our society. It is well written and easy to read with some good use of humor. Teens should have no problem reading it. I appreciate the holistic view Smiler takes, looking beyond just the basic steps of going on a date or having sex. The book will help teens understand the complexities of dating, relationships, sex, sexuality, and knowledge of self without bogging them down in too much detail, discussion, or dry information. The book recognizes its limits and points out when the reader may need to go to other resources for more complex issues. I'm a therapist and this book will be very useful in my practice as I work with teen boys and their parents. I highly recommend that parents also read this book, both so they can see how a teen may think about these things and to make sure they as parents are aware of and talking about the many nuances involved. All in all a great resource!

I first met Smiler through our common friendship with Laci Green, Youtube sensation and sex educator. Smiler has specialized in working with male sexuality issues, and with teen boys, and his work brings a pragmatic, grounded and holistic view of sex to the fore. *Dating and Sex: A Guide for the 21st Century Teen Boy* is a wonderful resource, for teens, educators and parents. It covers issues ranging from how to ask a person out to how to break up, how to put on a condom correctly, and even how to know whether your penis is the right size. There is a wonderful section on consent, a critical issue in today's world, where high school and college issues of consent are ruining peoples lives. Smiler recognizes that it's hard to be a teen today, in a world flooded with both sexual stimulation and sexual anxiety. He sees boys who fear that their bodies aren't as muscular as those of men in superhero movies, and he helps boys who fear that their sexual desires are unusual and uncommon. If I were a teen boy today, I would devour this book. we need more information out there for teens, to counteract the fear and shame and lack of accurate information which has been promoted by abstinence-only models for so many years. Frankly, I believe that the United states must expect decades of sexual dysfunctions, relationship conflicts, and sexual conflicts, as we deal with the lingering effects of abstinence-based sex education.

IÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „ve never seen a book about dating and sex written explicitly for a teenage male audience, and itÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „s about time! Andrew Smiler addresses many of the issues adolescent boys wonder and worry about, and many of the topics parents and even Health teachers avoid discussing with boys. While I recommend that parents of sons get this book for their boys, I also recommend that they read it themselves!

It's the book I wish I had when I was a teen. It's a book every teen guy will benefit from -- I just hope they get their hands on it. It's inclusive of a broad experience of what it means to be "a guy" -- including the different ways we identify what that means, and how we experience attraction to others -- yet still specific enough to be useful. It reminded me of playing video games as a teen, when I would get stuck on a particular level and read a detailed walk-through on a website like GameFaqs. This book is the gamefaqs walk-through of dating and sex. I'm definitely going to add it to my list of recommends and resources.

Dr. Smiler has provided a well-crafted tool to address a need in modern parenting - an accessible guide to dating for boys and young men in the new generation. Other texts may provide similar benefit with respect to per se "sex education," but Smiler's book addresses gender identity, sexting, and in a way that is easy to internalize and discuss. Well done.

Finally, a book for male teens that explains sex in a straightforward way. Too often males that age are lost in our health care system and don't know where to go for accurate information in a way that preserves their anonymity. If you know or work with teen males this will become a staple. Dennis J. Barbour
President The Partnership for Male Youth.

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