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Advice for parents, educators, community, and church members is provided in this guide for ensuring that African American boys grow up to be strong, committed, and responsible African American men. This book answers such questions as Why are there more black boys in remedial and special education classes than girls? Why are more girls on the honour roll? When do African American boys see a positive black male role model? Is the future of black boys in the hands of their mothers and white female teachers? and When does a boy become a man? The significance of rite of passage activities, including mentoring, male bonding, and spirituality, are all described.

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From Reader Review Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys for online ebook

Jerald Andrew says

Excellent - motivated me to continue teaching elementary school in the South Bronx (at least for now!)

RJ says

A great start for all educators as well as parents of boys.

I will add my overall views for 2011 following talks with my colleagues.

Sue says

This author was recommended to me by one of my colleagues, and after reading it, I can understand why. Even though this work is almost two decades old, too many of the problems are still present (and some are even more prevalent, in my opinion). I agree that too many boys of color are unfairly treated and definitely unequally educated, and I agree with some of the reasons Kunjufu gives for this treatment. I think it is still an excellent wake-up reminder for educators to remember we are teaching human beings, who have emotional needs and cultural/social norms that may very well be completely different from our own. I would be interested to see a current update or foreword, to see if he has changed his views on some topics that have had changes in overall society - submissive/passive role of females in workplace, homosexuality.

Myla says

This is a must read for any African American! There is so much valuable information in this book. I am so glad I read it!

Adra says

Reading this book revealed unfortunate truths that were not surprising to me at all. Serving as a public educator for over twelve years, it's sad but true as to why young black males at a very young age lose the desire, hope, and will to do better in school settings due to the facts listed in this book and many more since this book was written. I was overjoyed to see that Marcus Garvey Academy, a school that I taught at for eight years under the sincere leadership of Dr. Harvey Hambrick was mentioned. I was honored to read that Dr. Kunjufu took notice to how Marcus Garvey Academy in Detroit, Michigan and other schools assume pivotal roles in contributing to the solution to this horrible epidemic impeded on the futures and lives of young African American Males. Dr Jawanza Kunjufu did a great job at presenting multiple truths and the sad reality of how young black males are unfortunately targeted from the start.

Adra Young

Enrique says

Jawanzaa is a genius, and his book unfolds the plot meticulously.

Maritza says

Some of Kunjufu's arguments are often over generalizations, sexist and homophobic. I believe he places too much of the blame of the issues that exist with Black male children on Black mothers.

Adrian Hebard says

A sobering and needed reflection on what we need to do to empower and re-direct our African American male youth.

Kimberly OutspokenMom says

The book states that a woman can not raise a man. Of course she can love him , nurture him and bring him into adulthood. He will be an adult male, but he will not have the qualities of a man. There are significant moments between men and boys that help shape the boy into a man. A woman does not have these moments. Someone asked me why are these men leaving their children behind and my answer to them was that no man showed them how to be responsible for their children. These adults males were raised by women. The book makes this point clear with countless examples and studies. The man does not need to be the parent. He may be an older brother, cousin, neighbor, etc. Men have a responsibility to boys and they must commit to its fulfillment.

Jonathan says

I can agree with other reviewers that there are a lot of generalizations, and even oddly homophobic statements. However, there are just too many important points and thoughts here to dismiss.

I am grateful that I have read this book, as it has opened my eyes to even more Africentric ideas that I had never considered.

Candelaria Silva says

I will never forget when I read Dr. Kunjufu's words that "Black women raise their daughters but love their sons." It made me pay better attention to how I was rearing my son and daughter, both of whom are proud, productive people in the world. (And both graduated from college although that is not my measure of being productive and positive.)

Brizreads says

I felt like his bias were strictly opinionated and not fact. And it seemed more of stand up for your rights and bunk the white man type of message then an empowering one. A few good points but not completely fact in my opinion.

Lumumba Shakur says

I read Volume 1 of this series when I was an adolescent and plan on re-reading the entire collection again. From the little that I do recall, my own early childhood experience can testify to the truth of what this short work entails. The fact that the public school system has failed black men is obvious to any conscious observer. But at a time when the rate of incarceration of Black and Latin men is far beyond any reason, I would be curious to see how relevant this now 20+ year old critique remains.

Lafayette says

Just straight awesome

Tiffany Bridget says

The title speaks for itself. In my opinion, this book is a must read for all parents - not just for the parent of a "minority".
