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'I cried five times
and laughed out loud four'
James Brown, *Observer*

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Von Tony Parsons : Man and Boy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Man and Boy:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A book par excellence!Von bookworm92Harry has what he wished for in life. A beautiful wife who gave up her dreams of going to Japan to be with him. A wonderful son, with a cheeky manner and a passion for Star wars. And a great job in the media, something which he had always loved doing. Then he spends the night with a colleague from work and his

life falls apart; his wife leaves him and emigrates to Japan, he loses his job and he has to cope with being a single parent. While coping with the stress of being a single parent, he meets another woman at a coffee shop, a woman whom he has already met with her child. Harry finds a new job and eventually moves on with his life. My first book of Tony Parsons was "Starting over". In the beginning, I was a little bit skeptical, because I had never read books of this genre before. At last, it has really fascinated me and was real pagerunner. Hence, I have looked around for another book of Parsons and found this one. "Man and Boy" is a deeply moving book which enthralls you and attracts through the whole catharsis-effect and the wonderful father-son-story. The narrator gives us clear and significant insights in his emotional world. I found that extremely likeable and entertaining. The book consists of many flashbacks of when Harry was back in his childhood days with his father. These flashbacks really help to understand the story and, especially, the main-character Henry. Tony Parsons proves to be an entertainer par excellence. His writing is full of dialogue and readable English language without the complications of literary mechanics. His characters provide valuable lessons in life about how small mistakes can have a big impact on our lives. His chapters are also brief such that it is easy to maintain concentration on the story line. Above all, the book is simple, real and imaginable and provides fun reading. Therefore, I give the book 5 out five stars. (335 words)

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eine positive Überraschung

Von R. Siegl

Eigentlich habe ich das Buch nur aus Nostalgie gekauft, da ich Tony Parsons vor fast 30 Jahren als Schreiber für die britische Musikzeitschrift NME sehr geschätzt habe. Zu meiner Überraschung entwickelte sich daraus ein sehr unterhaltsames und lebenskluges Buch. Es ist keine große Literatur, aber wirkt natürlich und frisch aus dem Leben gegriffen. Der Erzählstil ist modern, oft wirklich witzig und auch in den emotionalen Momenten weitgehend unkitschig. Vergleichen lässt sich das Buch ein wenig mit den ersten drei Romanen von Nick Hornby, bleibt aber im direkten Vergleich doch ein wenig zurück. Ich würde es als gute Unterhaltungselektre im besten Sinn qualifizieren.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I thoroughly enjoyed it!

Von Ein Kunde

A heart-rending and funny account of the disintegration of the nuclear family triggered by a 30-year-old husband's dissatisfaction with himself and misconception about love and commitment. The novel reverberates with the high tension of 'Kramer versus Kramer': hostilities, frustrations and the typically painful lashing out at each other with a 4-year-old son caught in the midst of flying tempers and conflicting aspirations. It's narrated from the refreshingly unusual perspective of the father figure. His is a flippant, humorous voice, partly self-deluding but disarmingly honest when uncovering his insecurities and shortcomings. The occasionally repetitive style is well-chosen to mirror a human being's tumultuous and obsessive search for love, recognition and meaningful relationships.

Kurzbeschreibung

A fabulously engaging and exciting novel about a man who has to learn about life and love the hard way. Harry Silver has it all. A successful job in TV, a gorgeous wife, a lovely child. And in one moment of madness, he chucks it all away. Man and Boy is the story of how he comes to terms with his life and achieves a degree of self-respect, bringing up his son alone and, gradually, learning what words like love and family really mean. Very well written, pacy, funny, and heart-breakingly moving.

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"Some situations to avoid when preparing for your all-important, finally-I-am-fully-grown thirtieth birthday. Having a one-night stand with a colleague from work. The rash purchase of luxury items you can't afford. Being left by your wife. Losing your job. Suddenly becoming a single parent. If you are coming up to 30, whatever you do, don't do any of that. It will fuck up your whole day. So begins Man and Boy, Tony Parsons' foray into fiction. Or non-fiction. Rumoured to be a roman clef, the well-known journalist and broadcaster writes the story of a successful TV executive who brings up his child alone after a failed marriage--much like Parson's own life. Harry Silver, the book's anti-hero, has it all: a beautiful wife, an angelic son and a high-paying job. His life is just about perfect, until one night he casually sleeps with a slim redheaded coworker who has "that kind of fine Irish skin that is so pale it looks as though it has never seen the sun". After the fateful night, his life falls apart. He loses his job and his wife in rapid succession, and finds himself a single, unemployed parent. It is an excellent education for a man who up until now has been immature and irresponsible, and Parsons has some strong points to make about the puerility of far too many contemporary males: "Being a man is like being chained to the village idiot." At times he piles on the disasters and plot-twists a little too thickly, but the ending is wildly romantic, redemptive and optimistic. In other words, Harry grows up. -- Christopher Hart

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'Wistful, touching and funny, it looks back at the glory days of the family without losing hope for the future. In the end, it is a deeply touching book: a love letter to a son from his father, and to a father from his son'

Mail on Sunday

'One of the finest books published this year... Hilarious and tear-jerking in turns'

Express

'Parsons has written a sharp, witty and wise book straight from his heart. His characters are all nitty-gritty, bounce-off-the-page, real people; his dialogue is brilliant'

Daily Mail

'A touching novel... full of quiet tenderness, and written from the heart'

Independent