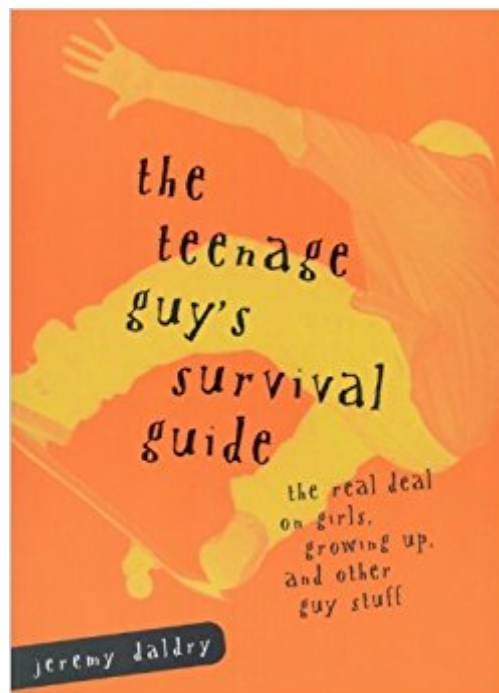




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# The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition)



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. A humorous guide for boys ages 10 to 14, offering advice on dating, sex, body changes, and social life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 and up

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

Without being overly earnest or condescending, this American version of the 1997 British book *Boys Behaving Badly* is frank in both language and description as it tackles everything from asking a girl out to demystifying the emotional and physical minefield of adolescence--from pimples to pornography. Daldry's tone is irreverent and warmly sarcastic as he trashes myths about masturbation ("It won't make you go crazy or blind") and homosexuality ("It doesn't mean that you have to start wearing women's underwear") and helps readers cope with being dumped, having mood swings, the temptations of drugs, and finding out that their mothers know about their stash of porn magazines. Cartoon illustrations and the use of a variety of typefaces enhance both the humor and the message. Important phrases leap off the page, mimicking the exaggerated, emotional conversations that rocket through middle-school hallways, and the captioned remarks of the two cartoon teens--one jaded, the other naive--talk straight to Daldry, asking him questions and responding to his advice. Daldry also includes a list of helpful organizations. Expect to replace this every year as it's certain to disintegrate from furious use or simply vanish from the shelf. Randy

Meyer

This assemblage of glib advice and conventional wisdom tries too hard to be cool as it fills a few potholes on the adolescence autobahn. The first half covers dating, from first words to breaking up; the second, a sheaf of topics including body changes, emotional ups and downs, masturbation, fighting ("Simply walk away"), and the dangers of using (legal and illegal) drugs. The text is strewn with side comments in balloons, wisecracking cartoon heads, and random exhausting changes of typeface. The book concludes with a digestible set of phone numbers and URLs. Daldry provides more reassurance than information, which may be just the ticket for readers with short attention spans but makes this no alternative to Karen Gravelle's *What's Going On Down There?* (1998) and like Baedekers. (Nonfiction. 12-14) -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

It's a decent book, in the fact it's a little bit more kid than adult approach. Most guys at the age of 13 are very familiar how the world works. It does cover being gay in a non-accusation type of way and is easy to understand. Sent this to my friend who is now 13 (along with my own true bully situations from 7th grade). He now wears a smile and confidence (along with clothing). Stand up for young people and help them out. Your son, nephew, grandson, brother, friend (you get the point) needs to know someone is in their corner and give them tools to stand up for themselves.

Bought for cousin's son

I would not put this book on any pedestal but it is OK for a young teenage boy. Other than that, any involved parent will fill in the information from this book for their kid.

Not too impressed with this book. Terminology tries to be "cool" but ruins the message instead. I do not recommend.

Bought for my 13 year old brother. He's already on page 27 ;) In his words... its "pretty cool."

My teenage son, and teenage grandson couldn't put this one down. Girls are wonderful, exciting creatures for teenage boys, but very confusing and unpredictable. This little book gave them insight and hope for their future dating days. The best response that the author should appreciate, was,

"Are you boys enjoying the book?" The answer for both was "yeah, big-time." I noticed that the book served as a stimulus in getting conversations going in a constructive sense, and even drew their teenage sisters into the conversation. Well done....

Great read for my 13 year old, took it on a 17 hour road trip.

Good product, smooth transaction

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