

Zbaracki, Matthew D. *Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators*. Connecticut: Libraries Unlimited, 2008. 204p. \$45.00 (ISBN: 978-1-59158-599-2)

Mayday mayday ! This boy needs a recommendation! Stat! Pronto! ¡Arriba!

*Best Books for Boys: a Resource for Educators*, is written by Matthew D. Zbaracki with a foreword by Jon Scieszka, accomplished author and founder of the Guys Read movement.

You can tell by the foreword and the preface that Zbaracki and Scieszka have worked together extensively in the fight to get boys reading. This shines through in their recommendations. Each chapter represents a different genre, and within each chapter, they may be broken down into subgenre (Realistic Fiction: Sport Stories) and into type of book (Novel, Picture Book, etc.). Each of the 401 entries has a short synopsis, full bibliographic information, and approximate reading level. He recommends books for ages 8-16.

Clearly Zbaracki has done his research. He has included the books that parents would want their sons reading and those which might be a little more risqué that the boys desperately want to read. His mission is clear: get boys to read now.

If your eyes glaze over at those reluctant male readers, or you have a boy who seems to have read everything in the universe, get this book in your hands. They will walk out with a good book, and hopefully a bounce in their step.

*Best Books for Boys* includes an author and title index, and an extensive subject index.

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