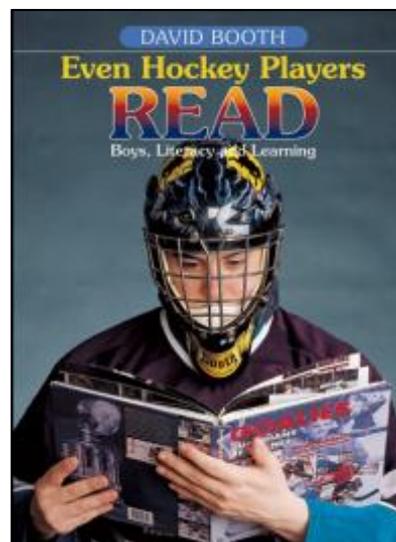


Even Hockey Players Read: Boys, Literacy and Learning

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Summary

This comprehensive overview of the challenging issues around boys and reading and writing features thought-provoking questions, strategies and practical solutions for helping boys develop their literacy potential.

The role of gender in reading success is complex. This book faces the issues head-on, uncovering many of the assumptions and stereotypes parents and educators have about boys and how they handle the world of print text. Boys and men were interviewed specifically for the book, and their voices, as well as those of children's authors and educators, reveal their literacy challenges, struggles, tastes and values. Compelling reading, these "real" voices provide valuable insights into how we can support boys in their journey towards becoming successful readers and writers.

Drawing upon his background as a parent and literacy educator, the author suggests strategies and techniques for promoting an alternative culture of literacy. He champions creating school and home settings where what children choose to read is valued alongside what children need to read. A wealth of book titles proven to appeal to even the most reluctant boy readers complement this important resource. *Even Hockey Players Read* advocates changing the classroom environment so that

- boys who can't read are helped
- boys who don't read become motivated
- boys who do read find enrichment.

This highly readable book demonstrates the powerful potential of literacy in the lives of boys. It is essential reading for those who want to guide boys towards a love of reading that will help them in their school life and beyond.

Other Resources

- *Boy Writers: Reclaiming Their Voices* (SHP7958)
- *Helping Boys Learn: 6 Secrets for Teaching Boys in the Classroom* (KDL6487)
- *Supporting Boys' Learning* (TCP1175)