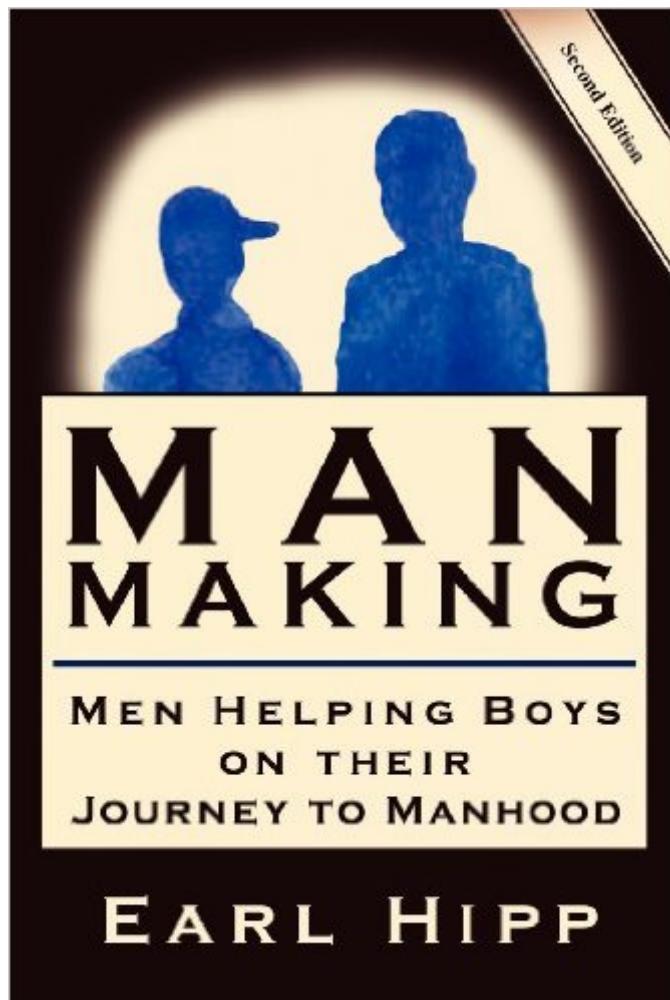


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# Man-Making - Men Helping Boys On Their Journey To Manhood



## **Synopsis**

About Man-Making: The Ancient Call: For thousands of years, in cultures around the world, when the time was right the men of the village came for the adolescent boys. Guiding young males toward a solid and responsible manhood was men's sacred work. Today, too many men are not answering this man-making call. The result is an epidemic of lost, damaged, and under-male-nourished boys. Man-Making is a practical and inspirational guide book that shows men how to awaken and apply their instinctive man-making skills. By following the easy, "how to" instructions, and reading the many stories men have contributed, every man, regardless of his level of commitment to this work, will find something he can do to help a boy or boys on their journey to manhood.

Your Call to Action: If you're a man, you wouldn't be reading this if you hadn't heard the man-making call. Right now, there are boys around you who need the benefit of your wisdom and support to grow into responsible and self-assured men. You are the right man for this work, now is the time, and the boys are waiting. This book is the answer to the man-making call you hear. Will you answer? Earl Hipp, M.A., is a successful author, speaker, and man-maker. Since 1982, he has been involved with groups and organizations that focus on men's issues and development. His professional passion is to see that men discover and use their man-making skills, so fewer boys (and men) are left alone in the dangerous never-never land between boyhood and manhood.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Man-Making is probably the first book ever to focus on the specific set of issues raised by initiation

and mentoring of boys. According to the cover biography, author Earl Hipp, incidentally a fellow New Warrior trainee, has been a successful author, speaker, and lecturer on men's issues and development for nearly a quarter-century. The publisher is actually the author's privately owned corporation, although the book's highly professional production values would never give this fact away. *Man-Making* is a short book, but every page of it advances the author's goals of moving men toward preparedness and willingness to help make men out of boys. No one other than men, Hipp writes, can do this job. And of course in many ways it is necessary for men other than Dad to foster the process. Validation by males outside the nuclear family is a desperate need for adolescent boys. The author correctly notes that even most grown guys find it very wonderful to receive a blessing from an older male. Hipp asks the male reader to recall the gifts they received from a mentor, as nearly all of us had some sort of mentor experience, however fleeting it may have been. Hipp does a lot of things well, extracting some of the very best quotes from authors such as Michael Gurian and William Pollack, and distilling down to a couple pages a deft summary of the alarming boy crisis our society currently faces. The author also coins felicitous phrases such as "the natural forces of masculine gravity," which, he tells us, will take care of the rest once an adult male "moves a little in the direction of" a young man. Since most men are, sadly, still seeking initiation and/or the approval of other men, it is common for men to set up roadblocks to getting involved with boys.

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