

# Ballistic Homeschooling: Surviving and Appreciating Boys

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### I. The Challenge of Boys

### II. A Vision of Manhood

#### A. Aiming at Young Men

#### B. Manhood Marred

#### C. Resisting Feminization

D. Manly Virtues: Courage, Honor, a Stalwart heart to fight for right, Persistence, Fortitude, Endurance, Leadership. Men should be Brave, True, Faithful, Honest, and Intrepid, Adventurous, Aggressive, Competitive, Providers and Protectors.

### III. Raising Men of Iron with Hearts of Gold

#### A. Give them something to aim for.

#### B. Leadership vs. Rebellion

#### C. Learning Responsibility

The Vision

Chores

School

Errands

Finances

Opportunities

Avoiding Disaster

C. Purpose in Life

D. Discord among the brethren

E. Passionate Purity

F. What's sin, what's not

G. Loving your sons

IV. More than survival

## Resources

If you want to hear more, our soon-to-be-released book: *Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching and Appreciating Boys* grew out of this workshop. [www.RaisingRealMen.com](http://www.RaisingRealMen.com)  
A limited number of advance copies are available at this convention only.

Vision Forum catalog [www.visionforum.com](http://www.visionforum.com)

Timberdoodle catalog [www.timberdoodle.com](http://www.timberdoodle.com)

Books by G.A. Henty are fantastic (Vision Forum, lots of vendors)

Sugar Creek Gang books by Paul Hutchins [www.belovedbooks.com](http://www.belovedbooks.com)

Cowboy Sam readers by Edna Walker Chandler

*Jeff McLean: His Courtship* (Timberdoodle sells this)

*Plants Grown Up* by Doorposts [www.doorposts.com](http://www.doorposts.com)

*Poems for Patriarchs* (Vision Forum sells this)

*The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men* by

Christina Hoff Sommers (secular, but good information)

Roy Rogers and Lone Ranger movies (buy very cheaply on eBay)

Movies made during World War II like *Sergeant York*; War movies do not upset boys, they *inspire* them!

*Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott

*I Kissed Dating Goodbye* by Josh Harris

*Men of Iron* by Howard Pyle

Lots of biographies of great men. Teach history through example! Discuss the great men of history as men. Discuss how they met the standard of godly men and how they failed. Some great places to start: Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington, Winston Churchill.