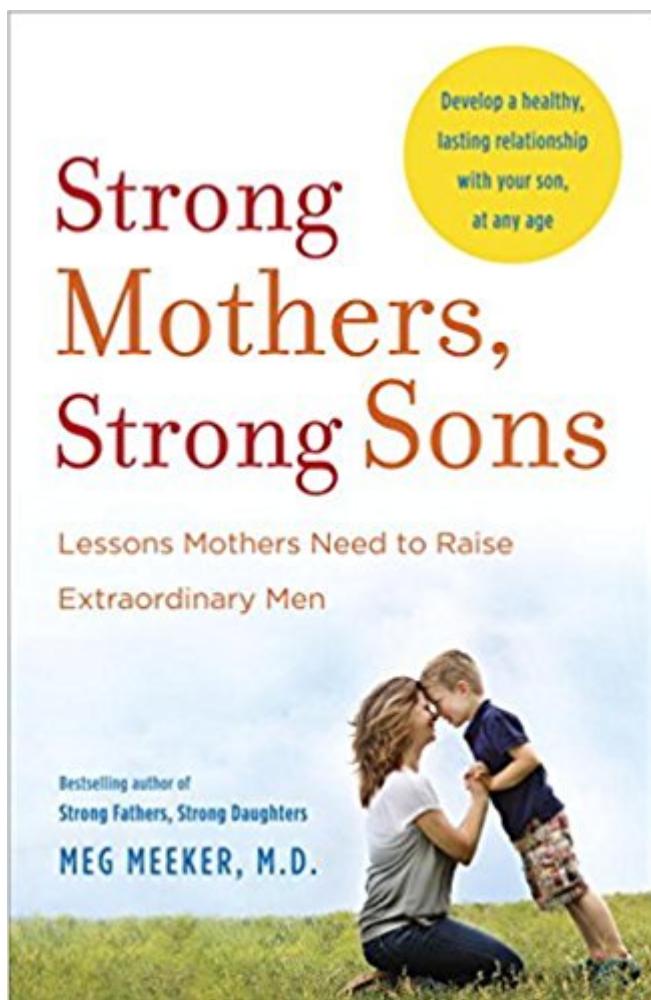


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# Strong Mothers, Strong Sons: Lessons Mothers Need To Raise Extraordinary Men



## Synopsis

Meg Meeker, M.D., acclaimed author of *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*, now turns to an equally powerful relationship in the family: the one between mother and son. From the moment a mother holds her newborn son, his eyes tell her that she is his world. But often, as he grows up, the boy who needs her simultaneously pushes her away. Calling upon thirty years of experience as a pediatrician, Meg Meeker, M.D., a highly sought after national speaker, assistant professor of clinical medicine, and mother of four, shares the secrets that every mother needs to know in order to strengthen or rebuild her relationship with her son. Boys today face unique challenges and pressures, and the burden on mothers to guide their boys through them can feel overwhelming. This empowering book offers a road map to help mothers find the strength and confidence to raise extraordinary sons by providing encouragement, education, and practical advice about the need for mothers to exercise courage and be bolder and more confident about advising and directing their boys. The crucial role mothers play in expressing love to sons in healthy ways so they learn to respect and appreciate women as they grow up. The importance of teaching sons about the values of hard work, community service, and a well-developed inner life. The natural traps mothers of boys often fall into and how to avoid them. The need for a mother to heal her own wounds with the men in her life so she can raise her son without baggage and limitations. The best ways to survive the moments when the going gets tough and a mom's natural ways of communicating—talking, analyzing, exploring—only fuel the fire. When a mother holds her baby boy for the first time, she also instinctively knows something else: If she does her job right and raises her son with self-esteem, support, and wisdom, he will become the man she knows he was meant to be. *Praise for Strong Mothers, Strong Sons* “Solid, practical advice for women on how to properly nurture their sons.” Kirkus Reviews *Praise for Meg Meeker, M.D. Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters* “Dr. Meeker’s conclusions are timely, relevant, and often deeply moving. No one interested in what girls experience growing up in our culture today—and the impact that parents, especially fathers, have on the experience—can afford to miss reading this book.” Armand M. Nicholi, Jr., M.D., professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School *Reassuring and challenging . . . a helpful road map for concerned fathers [that] tackles difficult issues.* National Review *Boys Should Be Boys* “If you want to raise a boy you’ll be proud of, read *Boys Should Be Boys*.” Dave Ramsey, author of *The Total Money Makeover* “Filled with inspirational vignettes, *Boys Should*

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Meg Meeker, M.D., is the author of *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*; *Boys Should Be Boys*; and *The 10 Habits of Happy Mothers*. She has been a physician practicing pediatric and adolescent medicine, working with children and their parents, for more than thirty years. Dr. Meeker is the mother of four children and lives and works with her husband in northern Michigan.

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Excellent product.

This should be a reading requirement for all mothers of boys!

This is a very helpful guide in helping mothers successfully navigate boys. They are different creatures, and just because we would think through and handle an issue a certain way, doesn't mean boys are built like that. We have to be mindful of our inherent differences and connect with our boys with that premise. I'm glad to have found this.

Great book.. love the stats behind the stories.

Love the authors way of thinking! Great read.

This book is a resource that I will be referencing probably for the rest of my life. She gives great outlined for easy memorization, good examples to solidify ideas and is overall an engaging writer.

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