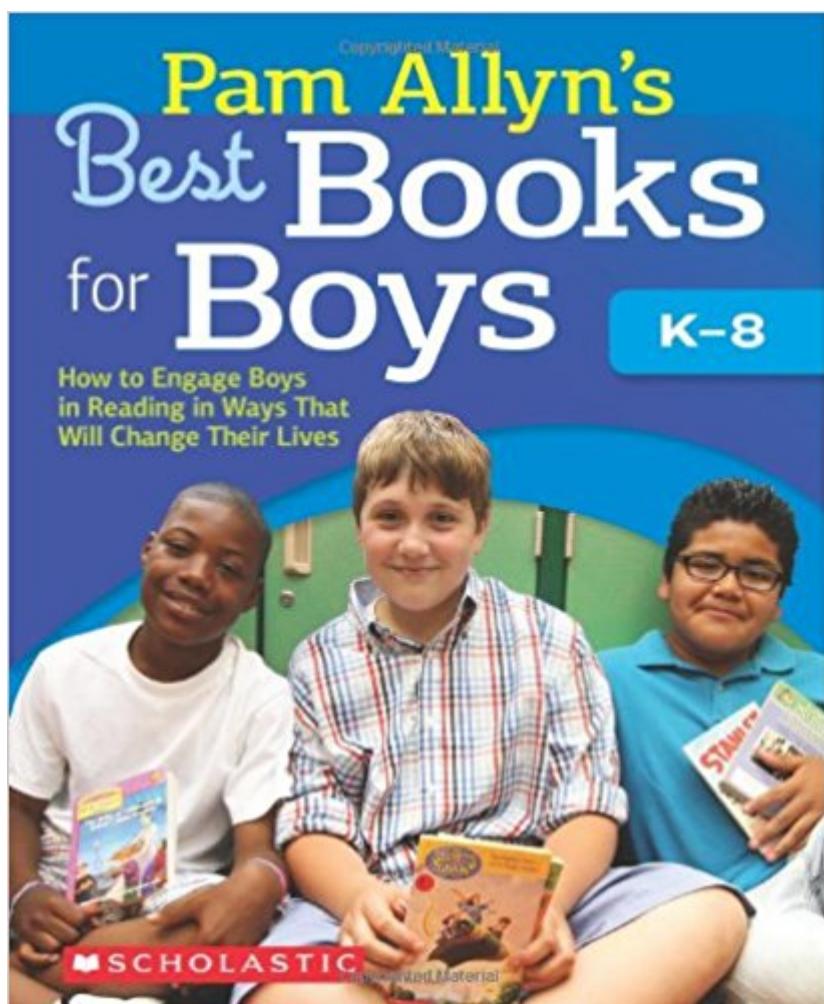


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# Pam Allyn's Best Books For Boys: How To Engage Boys In Reading In Ways That Will Change Their Lives



## **Synopsis**

Get all boys reading with this extraordinary guide; chock-full of a wide range of must-read titles organized by interest, age, and development. With this resource in hand, you'll never again struggle to find the right book for even your most reluctant readers. The carefully chosen book selections are accompanied by brief explanations of each book, and a recurring feature, Talk About It, will help you extend the book through conversation, supporting and enhancing the reading experience. In addition, ready-to-use lessons align with themes and topics of special interest to boys that will motivate and inspire them to read more. Finally, Pam answers your most pressing questions about the challenges for boys as readers and shows you how you can maximize environments, routines, and structures to ensure that boys are reading widely and passionately. For use with Grades K-8.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I love that this book exists! Just reading Pam Allyn's title and subtitle inspires and encourages me. Pam Allyn has spent years encouraging kids to read. In her writing, we can hear a special heart for the struggles that boys face, especially as they get older. She responds not with sympathy, but with a "make-it-happen" attitude that teachers and parents can benefit from. She outlines the

obstacles that cause boys to perceive reading as a chore, and then gives plenty of solutions: Ritual, Environment, Access, Dialogue (READ). This book is written specifically for teachers, instructing them to set up their classroom libraries and reading settings in ways that will appeal to boys, but the information proved equally valuable to me as a parent. For example, she shared the ideal mix for a classroom library, and I immediately thought of the books I buy, shelve, and check out for my kids. Her ideal mix that will be attractive to all sorts of readers is at least 40% novels, 30% poetry, and 30% non-fiction. We might be a little bit low on the poetry (maybe not if you count rhyming picture books), but I was happy to be able to identify a variety in my home. After a few chapters in which Allyn shares statistics proving that boys are struggling with reading and school, offering suggestions for improvement, and a hearty dose of encouragement and inspiration, the lists begin. Allyn offers suggestions grouped first by topic, then by reading level (for emerging, developing, and maturing readers). She includes many genres: Action and Adventure, Biographies and Memoirs, Expeditions, Fantasy, Humor, and Mystery, just to name a few. What I liked about these book lists is that they are mostly populated with current, popular books.

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