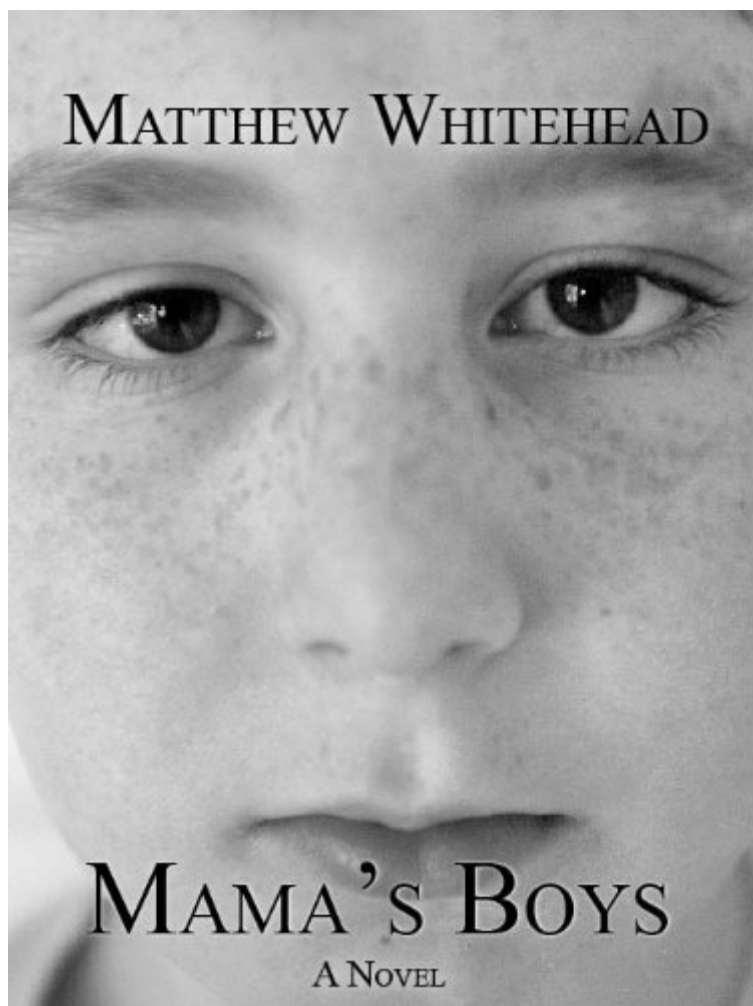


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MAMA'S BOYS



Synopsis

Mama's Boys is a heroic and haunting story that centers on two misfit brothers who live in a small Georgia town. They wake up one morning to find their father has abandoned them. Their mother is uncaring and prone to sudden, violent outbursts. The brothers don't get along with their teachers or classmates. Their only comfort is each other, where they do their best, though often unsuccessfully, to stay out of trouble. Life improves when another awkward youth, Kyle, moves into their trailer park. The boys become good friends, but the brothers soon learn their new buddy comes with some baggage. That baggage is Pete: the abusive, over-controlling boyfriend of their friend's mother. The boys seek out distractions from their confusing home lives, but this only leads to more trouble. Soon they have to confront what's happening at home when Pete becomes even more aggressive and violent. Kyle starts disappearing for days at a time from school, refusing to tell his friends why he goes missing. No one else seems to notice or care. It's not until tragedy strikes the tiny trailer park and the three boys are before everyone from local politicians, police and even the media suddenly decide to pay attention. That's when the real trouble begins, and the brothers find themselves running for their lives.

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Customer Reviews

This story was so realistic that I did not realize it was not a true story until reaching the end of the book and reading about the author. The details were quite authentic - as if the writer had lived every moment appearing in print. The slow decline of a family's journey into the dynamics of an abusive relationship was well developed and spot on. The emotional and psychological struggles of the main character, a young boy, allows random insights into the complexities of assimilating data and drawing conclusions without the aid of experience. A ripple effect of the tensions emanating from a single character in the story also plays a role in Mama undergoing a transformation herself. The story flows well and keeps the reader's interest.

I couldn't believe this is the author's first writing. The story line and its development begs of the author having some sort of 1st-hand knowledge of his subject-matter,; either as an abuse victim or as a child abuse case worker. The story is easy to follow and the characters and their actions, very believable. Had I not had to get up and go to work the next day, I'd read it through, non-stop. As it was, it took me 2 days to read it. It was very hard to put it down as it gripped my attention and refused to relinquish it without a fight. I highly recommend this book to anyone who has any plans toward child abuse case working. The book takes you through some very traumatic situations as seen through the eyes of the victim(s). Some scenes are also extremely funny if you think about it. If you don't get this book, you're only cheating yourself out of some very good reading.

Terrible what some kids are forced to have to deal with at such a young age. These kids were forced to grow up quickly, and mostly on their own. I was glad that the mother changed throughout the story for the better and that the boys survived this tragic time in their lives. It would be nice to find out how they turned out and if they continued to have a better relationship with their mother.

Every adult should read this book! Told from a child's point of view, Mama's Boys is the heart-wrenching, chilling, first hand account of children living daily with child abuse and neglect. It is also the story of how our system lets them down time after time. Every teacher, neighbor, or casual onlooker who has ever had the "nerve" to think of, speak to, or assume a child is a brat, delinquent, or a second class citizen, needs to think twice and pull aside the curtain of protection these children

veil themselves in - this book will help you strip that curtain aside.

This book opened our eyes to the lives of so many living in our country today. The priorities of the characters mirror our society so well unfortunately. The author is quite a skilled story-teller but, if I were in his shoes, I would be extremely upset with the proof-readers. The book was riddled with typos and grammatical and spelling errors. UGH

I gave this book 4 stars I thoroughly enjoyed this book. To book took me back to my troubled childhood. We we're poor, but abused, so I can relate to the story. In some ways I wanted thee story to end because of the sadness it brought back to me and then I didn't want it to end. This book is an inspiration. Thank you Mr. Whitehead.

I have recommended this book to nearly everyone I know. It is so real and heart wrenching, yet a compelling story that I absolutely couldn't put down.

I finished this in a few settings. It is essentially the tragic, yet very real depiction of what happens in domestic violence situations across the country. It is also reflective of the neglect and poverty in which so many people are living in. In my work, I have been to trailer parks just like this one. As I was reading, this scenario could have been at any one of them.

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