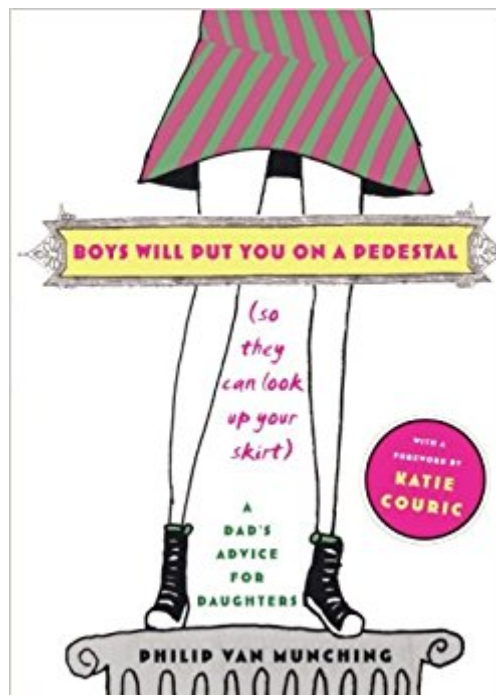




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Boys Will Put You On A Pedestal (So They Can Look Up Your Skirt): A Dad's Advice For Daughters



Synopsis

Life can be pretty tricky when you're a teenage girl. New things matter: Clothes. Parties. Boys. Suddenly being liked and being popular don't mean the same thing. Your parents get completely bizarre when the subject of dating comes up. A friend you've had forever stabs you in the back for no good reason. Everybody you know seems to feel free to comment on your constantly changing body. Drugs and alcohol go from being what you see "bad" kids doing on television shows to what you see your friends doing when no adults are around. How are you supposed to deal? Since life doesn't come with a set of instructions, it helps to turn to people who have been through the stuff that you're facing. Even parents can help. (Really!) In *Boys Will Put You on a Pedestal* (so they can look up your skirt), former teenage boy -- and current dad of two daughters -- Philip Van Munching helps guide you through some of life's most confusing topics. From Beauty to Grief, from Sex to Fate, Van Munching covers the things you most want to know about and, in his wise, warm, and funny way, offers advice on how you can become the young woman you most want to be.

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Customer Reviews

Philip Van Munching sounds like a pretty cool dad. True, he's rather his daughters steer clear of drugs and alcohol and avoid having sex until after he's dead, but he's well aware of the fact that they're living in the real world. In *Boys Will Put You on a Pedestal* (so they can look up your skirt), this father of two offers practical advice to teenage girls in a series of fresh and funny chapters on everything from Fate to Faith to Boyfriends, The Internet, and How to be Happy.

Consider what he has to say about Tattoos: "If you ever seriously think about getting one do yourself a favor first. Go to the drawer where you keep your T-shirts and take a good look at them. What's on them? Got any designer names or funny sayings? Or do you have T-shirts with pictures of cartoon animals? Wait, of course you don't: you had the animal T-shirts a few years ago, but you've gotten rid of them. You outgrew them." To further prove his point, he suggests checking out "your folks' old high school yearbooks" for more evidence that what's cool today won't be forever. One thing his girls can likely count on to remain constant, however, is their dad's obvious love and respect for them, as Van Munching appears infinitely curious about their current lives and the challenges they will face in the future.

—Patrick Jennings.

Weaving together humorous anecdotes and sound advice, devoted dad Van Munching, whom Couric calls "my personal Dr. Phil," shares a lifetime of wisdom for parents and their growing daughters in this brief book. The author draws on his experiences both as a kid and as a parent, and writes in a conversational style that is bound to make discussions of touchy subjects easier (and even entertaining). The father of two girls, Van Munching offers advice about boyfriends, sex, self-image and dealing with the emotional roller coaster ride of adolescence. The chapters about grief and drugs and alcohol are especially notable, but the book's most important point may be that all good advice comes through shared conversation rather than one-way lecturing. While the book is geared toward daughters, the content is just as applicable to sons, and readers of all ages will find it a useful tool for opening discussions about life's difficult issues. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

A realistic and humorous view of the teenage mind of girls and boys and their relationships with each other, family and those around them. Philip Van Munching deals with topics that all teenage girls struggle with, such as self-esteem, beauty, boyfriends, sex (chapter 5 is the best, but 5a is even better!), the Internet, grief, faith and the forever goal of how to be happy. As a mother of a preteen girl a few years ago, I found this book very enjoyable, and helpful in remembering what my daughter would be going through all too soon. I passed my copy around to the parents of my daughter's friends and bought several extra copies for the teens to have. Everyone enjoyed the book! The high school gym teacher wanted it to be required reading for every girl in the school! Quick read, and lots of laughs amid some serious topics.

This is such a great book. I give this as a baby gift to everyone that is having a girl. Even my husband loved this book.

I heard of this book from a blog. The author is two girls' father and this book is for his daughters. There are many serious problems, which will or are faced by teenagers and which may cause harm to them if not subtly dealt with, discussed in this book. What's more, it's fun to hear the author joking while talking about his experiences and understandings instead of attempting to persuade you. It's like show you the truth and you understand it by yourself. You can feel his love to his girls and wife in this book. You can also learn how to treat different unexpected experiences with wisdom and kindness. I will recommend this to any teenage girl and also the ones who have got unsolved problems in their early days. Love it!

GREAT

Well written, by a Dad to his daughters. Things that often go unsaid.....read it first, then give to your daughter.

Highly recommend!!! If you have a teenage daughter or 'soon to be' teenager this book is excellent - done in a nice, light, funny but gets to the point very well. A great read for the parents AND the kids

Great book!

Got this book for my daughter. I read read it in 1 day before I gave it to her. I highly recommend this book.

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