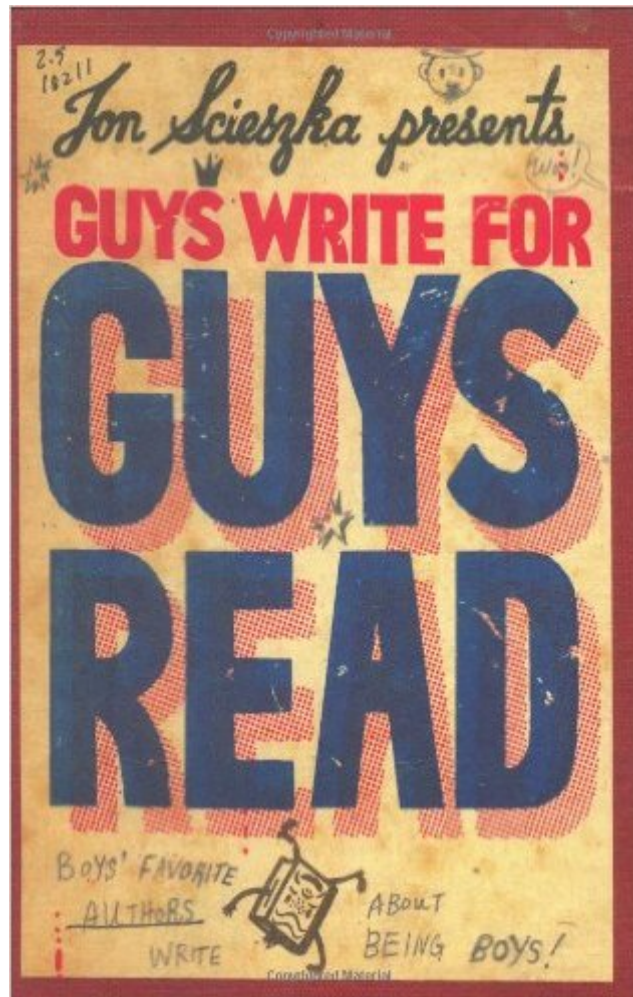


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# Guys Write For Guys Read: Boys' Favorite Authors Write About Being Boys



## Synopsis

This fast-paced, high-energy collection of short works features today's most popular writers and illustrators writing about what it means to be a guy. Contributors include Chris Crutcher, Stephen King, Matt Groening, Daniel Pinkwater, Neil Gaiman, and many more. Includes an all-new foreword by Jon Scieszka and an excerpt from Knucklehead.

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## Customer Reviews

Guys Write for Guys Read, presented by Jon Scieszka Founder of the Guys Read program, Jon Scieszka (The Stinky Cheese Man) compiles a variable collection of works where "boys' favorite authors write about being boys." In an effort to encourage boys to read, this anthology has short stories, essays and even illustrations that are proven to keep a boy's interest long enough to hopefully keep him reading for a lifetime. Authors like Avi, Jack Gantos, Anthony Horowitz, James Howe, Brian Jacques, Stephen King and Gary Paulsen have all contributed to this 70+ piece collection. Rick Reilly's "Funny You Should Ask" from The Life of Reilly might be my favorite. While sitting outside with his son, after a deep question, Reilly tries to explain to his son why they are on earth. "We're here to nail a yield sign with an apple core from half a block away. We're here to make our dog bite on the same lame fake throw for the gazillionth time. We're here to win the stuffed bear or go broke trying." After finishing his long list, readers learn that the son was actually asking why

they were at the park when they were supposed to have picked up mommy a while ago. Esquire magazine shares some helpful "rules" to follow, while Jack Gantos teaches you what not to do through experience in "The Follower." There are some great shared experiences, such as Anthony Horowitz's "My French Teacher Tried to Kill Me" and Daniel Pinkwater's "Lone (star) Ranger." From peeing on the electric fence to collecting comic books to making the big sports play (or not), this book has something for at least every boy. While some pieces are obviously better than most, what attracts me is the variety of the collection.

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