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Beyond the Icarus Factor: Releasing the Free Spirit of Boys

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Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A call to reconsider the place of boys in the family, schools, and community institutions that rob them of their inborn vitality and creativity - Argues that boys have a unique free-spirit nature and that efforts to alter or suppress it lead to profound unhappiness, pathology, or startling compulsions - Demands another approach to societal expectations, one that values and promotes the daring creativity of boys Richard Hawley s many years as headmaster of a boys school have convinced him that boys do indeed have a unique, intrinsic, and inalienable free-spirit nature. He sees deep flaws in the way we--as parents, educators, and community members--alter or suppress that true nature in order to turn boys into men that fit our societal template. Hawley argues that the model man in our society, while seemingly successful in his role, may yet be unhappy in his life. The very elements that we strip away from a boy s natural tendencies are the sources of spirituality and vitality that can give his life both meaning and satisfaction. Without these, he is lost...



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