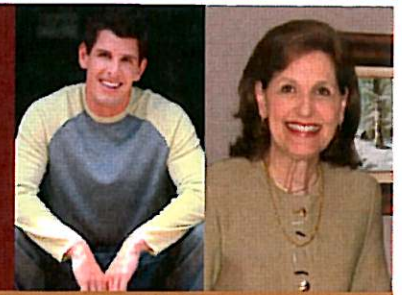




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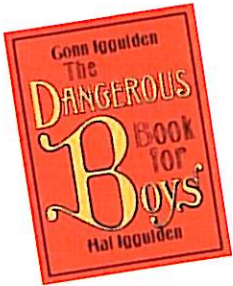
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## When Life Was as Simple as *Boys Will Be Boys* and *Girls Will Be Girls*

The best gift under the tree for my kids this year came from my sister. It wasn't Natalie's *American Girl Doll* or Henry's *i-pod Shuffle*. No, it was far less glamorous. It was a book for each of them: *The Dangerous Book for Boys* and *The Daring Book for Girls*. Buried under the wrapping paper and boxes, is where I found them mid-day on Christmas. I sat down, opened them up, and was immediately transported back 25 years. Eight years old, with my bike, miles of Hamilton County farmland to explore, late summer evenings of flashlight tag and lightening bugs – but I digress...



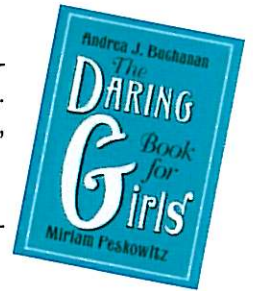
### For the Boys:

Without actually joining the Scouts, where else can you find a book that teaches a kid the five knots every boy should know how to tie, how to skip stones, or the process of build a tree house, while also instructing them on great battles in history, the rules of soccer or chess, how to identify insects, and the seven wonders of the ancient and modern world?

What I really love are the educational pages tucked into the adventure pages. The copy of the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Ten Commandments*, the fifty states, and, in the back, the list of books every boy should read.

### For the Girls:

All the important areas are covered, from the 14 different games of tag, to double-dutch jump roping, to running an effective lemonade stand. But not to be outdone by the boys, this book isn't just for the girly-girls. They will also learn five karate moves, how to build a campfire and paddle a canoe, how to change a tire, how to whistle with two fingers, and how to play darts.



As with the boy's book, this one also features the list of books that will change a girl's life. Amid the adventure pages are great queens of the ancient world as well as modern women leaders.

**Both books** start with the "essential gear" every boy and girl needs in life. With a precise measure of humor and innocence, there is a dedicated page in the girl's book to explain boys, and a dedicated page in the boy's book to explain girls.

Times are changing so fast for kids in recent years. There is so much sensory overload for them to choose from, that I sometimes fear that my kids will lose the capacity to create, to day dream, to escape into the pages of a book. These books help to fill a little bit of that void. You might even find yourself keeping them for yourself!

*The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn & Hall Iggulden [www.dangerousbookforboys.com](http://www.dangerousbookforboys.com)

*The Daring Book for Girls* by Andrea J. Buchanan & Miriam Peskowitz [www.daringbookforgirls.com](http://www.daringbookforgirls.com)

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