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Published in 2007, Greenwood's *Girl Culture* enjoyed favorable reviews. Here was niche reference publishing at its best—popular culture + teen and adolescent issues + sociology rolled into a two-volume resource designed to “help students, educators, and others better understand the ongoing interplay between girls and mainstream culture.” Fast forward to 2010. The field of gender studies continues to expand, spawning “new” academic disciplines such as men's studies and, more recently, male studies—each intrinsically more interdisciplinary than the last. The exploration of the male as male, masculinity, and the lives of boys and men (the fundamental tenets of male studies) draws on the contributions of scholars representing a range of academic disciplines, including anthropology, education, history, medicine, politics, and psychology. Men's studies, or male studies, in turn, have given rise to this encyclopedia on the culture of boys. Here, readers will find a systematic, relatively comprehensive, and at times fresh look at North American boy culture broadly writ. Entries are arranged into sections that explore “What Makes a Boy a Boy?”; “Bodies, Minds, and Power”; “Small Screen, Silver Screen, Text, and Tunes” (how boys are depicted in various media); and “Games, Toys, Tech, and Schools.” Examples of entries include Sissies, Asian males and racism, Skateboarding, Boy talk, Skinhead culture, Videos of violence, Punk rock culture, Miniature war gaming, Teen Second Life, and Reading problems and boys. Suggestions for further reading accompany each entry. *Boy Culture* fills a niche, although, given its intentionally narrow focus, that may not be enough to warrant purchase. Recommended for public and academic libraries that seek to develop comprehensive reference collections in gender studies. --Sarah Watstein

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"... *Boy Culture* would be a useful addition to collections supporting gender studies, masculinity studies, and sociology. ... Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers." - **Choice**

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