

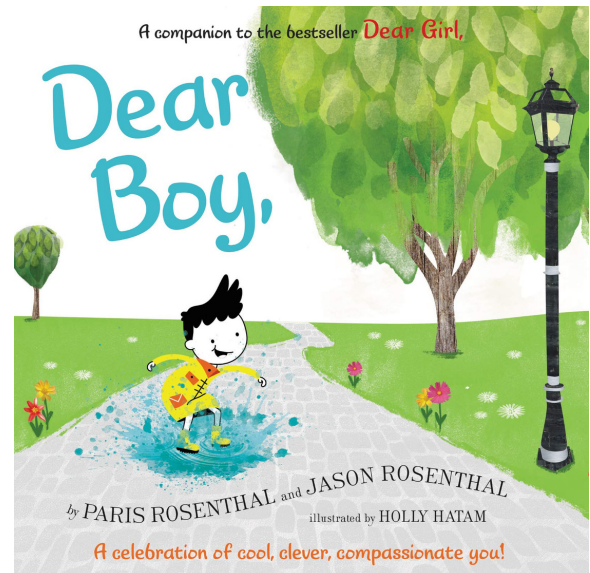


# DEAR BOY

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## SUMMARY

The lessons we teach little boys can sometimes hurt them as much as they can help. We teach them not to cry, and not to be weak. But boys feel sad just like everyone else and crying isn't weakness. Kindness and gentleness aren't weakness either. This book teaches boys that it's okay to be themselves, whoever they are. It's okay to like what they like. It's a wonderful companion to Dear Girl.



## Questions:

1. Is it better to be strong or kind? Is being kind the same thing as being strong?
2. Why is it more important to try your hardest than to win? If you don't win today but you keep practicing and trying hard, could you win tomorrow? Is it okay if you never win the race? Is there something else you might be best at?
3. Can boys and girls be friends? Does being friends with girls mean that a boy is weak or that there's something wrong with him? Can girls be just as cool as boys?
4. Does it sometimes feel like you're stupid if you don't know something? Does not knowing something mean you're stupid, or just that you haven't learned it yet? Is there anyone in the world who knows everything?
5. Is it okay for both girls and boys to say "no" when they are uncomfortable or don't want to do something? If someone tells you "no" should you keep asking and bugging them, or should you listen to them when they say "no"?
6. Is it okay for boys to cry? Do boys feel sad and upset just like girls do? Is there anything wrong with crying or is it always okay to feel your feelings?
7. Are all your friends just like you? Is it possible to be friends with people who don't have very much in common with you? Is it possible to be friends with someone who looks different from you?
8. Can boys play with any toy they want to? Does liking to play with dolls mean anything bad about a boy? Is it okay to like whatever you like?
9. Who likes music? Does everyone like the same kind of music? Is it okay to listen to whatever music you like to listen to?
10. Is it always easy to tell the truth? Should you tell the truth always, even when it's hard? Even when it's going to get you in trouble?
11. Is it okay to dream whatever you want to dream for the future? If someone has a dream that is different from yours should you tease them about it? If you can help someone's dreams come true, should you help them?
12. Do you have someone you can always turn to? Are you that person for anyone?