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## Description:

**From** When 38-year-old, self-confessed unmanly man Stein finds out he and his wife are having a baby boy, he is seized by the compulsion to learn how to do all that manly stuff he's neglected. So he spends time with some firefighters (all the while hugely intimidated by their dazzling good looks); learns to love dogs (with the help of a former Playboy playmate); gets some lessons in the fundamentals of baseball (from a two-time MLB all-star); and spends a weekend as a Boy Scout (mentored by a 13-year-old named Wiggles). The author's wife thinks his "manquest" is a stupid

idea, but for Stein, it's a necessary attempt to confront all of the things he's spent his life avoiding and to learn some skills that will make him a better father to his little boy. It's a very funny book, but it's not really a comedy; it's more like a cockeyed autobiography, an embarrassingly honest story of one man's last-ditch effort to Become a Man. Most readers—and their female counterparts—will relate to the book in some way. --David Pitt --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**Review** "This is much more than a funny book, though it is that too. Beneath the humor is a wonderfully poignant exploration of the role of manliness for the 21st century urban guy. It's also a Father's Day love letter disguised as a set of adventure tales. Joel looks lovingly at both his crusty old dad and trusting infant son to reflect deeply on the lessons that we pass along from generation to generation. It made me laugh, and think, a lot."

**--Walter Isaacson, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Steve Jobs**

"Many of us men in the Western world struggle with this "forced manliness"- there is a lot of pressure. For some, it is a *real* struggle. I have seen Joel try to chew tobacco in an attempt to prove that estrogen does not imprison his body. Looking down at his lap and bashfully wiping the remnants of spilled tobacco off his J. Crew slacks did not help his cause. The fact that he laughed at it, though, did. He caught himself trying to be manly and laughed. That is a true man." --Zach Galifianakis

"I am the father only of daughters, and so didn't suffer any existential midlife panic about discovering and demonstrating my latent manliness. But I am happy Joel did, because his infant son inspired him to report and write this rare and splendid thing: an open-minded, open-hearted, bracingly honest, laugh-out-loud-funny memoir that takes life just seriously enough."

**--Kurt Andersen, New York Times bestselling author of Heyday**

"Despite his best efforts, I'm not sure if Joel Stein will ever be a man, but he made me laugh out loud trying in *Man Made*." --Andy Borowitz, **New York Times bestselling author and humorist**

"Joel Stein is one of the funniest writers I've read. An incredible, hilarious saga of one man's transformation from really wimpy to just kind of wimpy." -Neil Strauss, **New York Times bestselling author of The Game and Emergency**

"Joel Stein's book will make you act in a very unmanly way-you will spend hours giggling like a 5th grade girl. He writes about fatherhood and son-hood with great insight, humor and, yes, even poignancy. It made me proud to share the same basic gender with him" -AJ Jacobs, **New York Times bestselling author of The Year of Living Biblically**

"If Joel Stein can learn to be a man, a man in the old and rugged sense of the word, then anyone can. And that's what gives me hope. What gave me profound and dizzy pleasure, though, was reading this wild account of how he did it. I dare you to follow him on his dangerous quest and I double dare you not to laugh." -Walter Kirn, **New York Times bestselling author of Up in the Air**

"This entertaining and irreverent memoir will make you laugh out loud, teach you a surprising

amount about various bastions of American masculinity, and leave you feeling glad that you're not married to Joel Stein." **-Curtis Sittenfeld, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Prep and American Wife***

"Stein proves himself to be a champion humorist by probing the serious side of his subject while peppering the paragraphs with numerous fresh and funny notions."

**-Publisher's Weekly**

"A consistently hilarious and surprisingly profound crash course in manliness... Charming, funny and life affirming" **-Kirkus**

"Feels like what might've happened if you'd sent Woody Allen to write George Plimpton's *Paper Lion*...In between all the comedy, the book is often a perceptive account of how men relate to each other and a surprisingly tender story about the love that exists between fathers and sons." **-San Francisco Chronicle**

"To man up, Stein goes all Plimpton . . . MAN MADE reminds us of his wonderful ability to find surprise within a cliché . . . hilarious." **-New York Times Book Review**

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