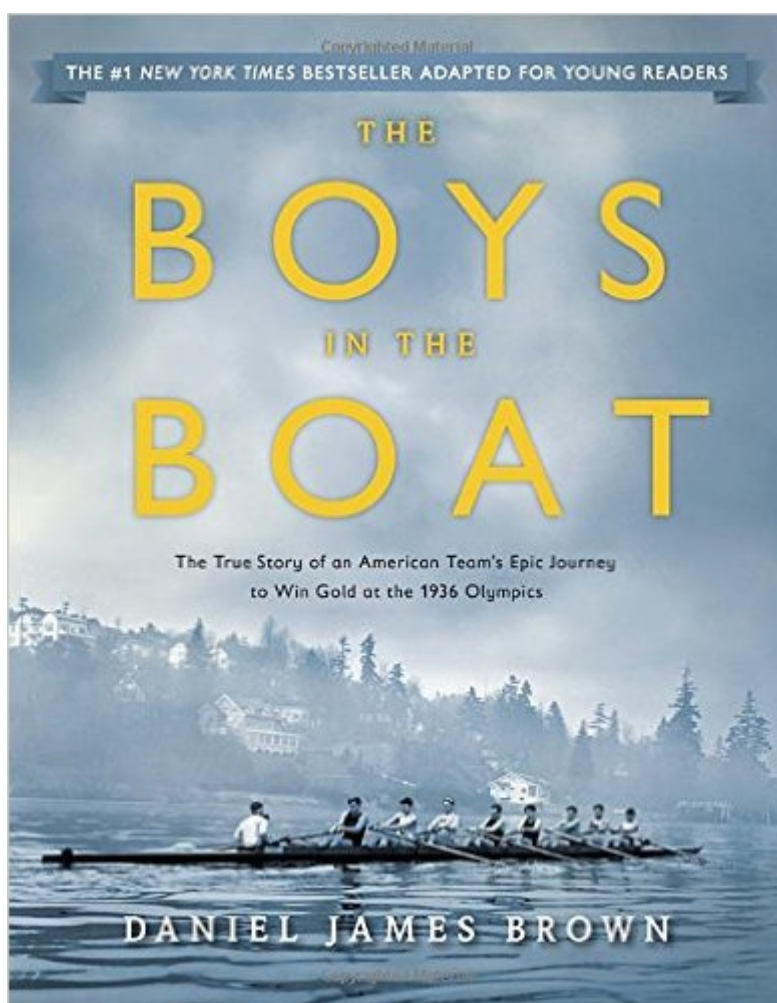


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The Boys In The Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story Of An American Team's Epic Journey To Win Gold At The 1936 Olympics



Synopsis

The #1 New York Times bestseller freshly adapted for the next generation, now with brand new content including an author Q&A and never-before-seen photographs. Inspiration for the PBS American Experience Documentary 'The Boys of '36' For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler. At the center of the tale is Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, whose personal quest captures the spirit of his generation—the generation that would prove in the coming years that the Nazis could not prevail over American determination and optimism. This deeply emotional yet easily accessible young readers adaptation of the award-winning #1 New York Times bestseller features never-before-seen photographs, highly visual back matter, and an exclusive new introduction.

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Customer Reviews

My 8-year old son reads a lot of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books and that sort of "book" :/, so it was

such a breath of fresh air to introduce him to a book that is SO WELL WRITTEN, and has such a great message of perseverance and overcoming obstacles. The Audience Guide says 4th-7th grade, but I think even younger grades might be ok, especially if parents read it with, or to, their 1st-4th grader, as the subject matter in parts can be a little emotional, and a few concepts would be helpful to pause and talk about. (I wanted to pause and talk about ALL the parts!!) The way the book jumps from Joe's childhood to adulthood every-other chapter might be confusing at first if kids aren't familiar with that literary device. One thing that would have helped this confusion is if the book designer/publisher made the little icon of the rowers under the chapter # (which is ALWAYS the same) different for the chapters that have to do with his youth. For example, only use that crew/boat icon on the chapters about the UW team, but for the other chapters use a different icon/illustration that has to do with his childhood to help guide the reader when there's a time switch. I have not read the original version, but plan to because this was such a compelling and captivating story. I hope they make a movie out of it, too.

A wonderful book for people of all ages. An easier read for the younger set; however, all of the important messages are still included. It relays the hopes and dreams of those who came from a somewhat common upbringing to the World Stage of sports.

This loses nothing in the shift to allow a younger reading audience to immerse themselves in the remarkably true stories of the "boys" who became brothers in their shared struggles during the depression and prewar years.

Although I haven't read the full version of this inspiring true story and biography, I didn't feel like I missed anything in this young adult (condensed) version of the book. It has all the drama of excitingly described boat races, as well as the pathos of a difficult childhood. I grew up about a mile from the Montlake Cut and the Husky Boathouse, where many of the events in this book took place (although my childhood was 20 years later). And I've been to, or near, many of the locations described here, and I found them to be true to the geography and history I know. I have a minor quibble with saying the boathouse is on Lake Washington, when locals would say it's on Union Bay (which is connected to Lake Washington). Also the area where Joe Rantz goes out in a canoe with his fiancée is Foster Slough, which is not named specifically. I will be recommending this book to the teachers of Washington State history at the school where I am the librarian, as so many aspects of our state history are brought up in this saga: a childhood in various locales around the state,

farming, logging, mining, the creation and building of the Grand Coulee Dam, and of course the development of a competitive rowing crew that became the first entry from Washington State in the Olympics, not to mention that they won, much to excitement of our whole state back (and much of the nation) in 1936!

This book is amazing. The writing is excellent. For the description of Nazi Germany alone one should read this book. The description of the Olympic Race is just like one was there. The characters are so well drawn you learn to hate and love them --depending on who they are. I cannot laud this book enough

What a great story about young boys who overcame a lot of hardships to win the Olympic gold in Germany in rowing and coming from the backgrounds they all had. It was heart-breaking to read about a young boy being abandoned by his parents. Mary DeBoer

Great inspirational reading... I can't recommend it more, and even though you know the outcome, it was exciting as well. They should make it mandatory reading for the young spoiled kids of today

I loved this book and really wanted to share it with our 11 year old grandson who is a voracious reader. I was thrilled to find this young reader edition which was perfect for him. It's not dumbed down, it's only slightly easier, and adult topics are handled in a more appropriate way. Wonderful story includes valuable history of Germany pre-WWII, and their efforts to keep their mis-deeds unknown to the outside world. Even better are the lessons on hard work and team work. It will make readers realize how fortunate we are to live now when there are programs for abandoned children and desperate parents. It teaches great lessons about fortitude. Extremely well written

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