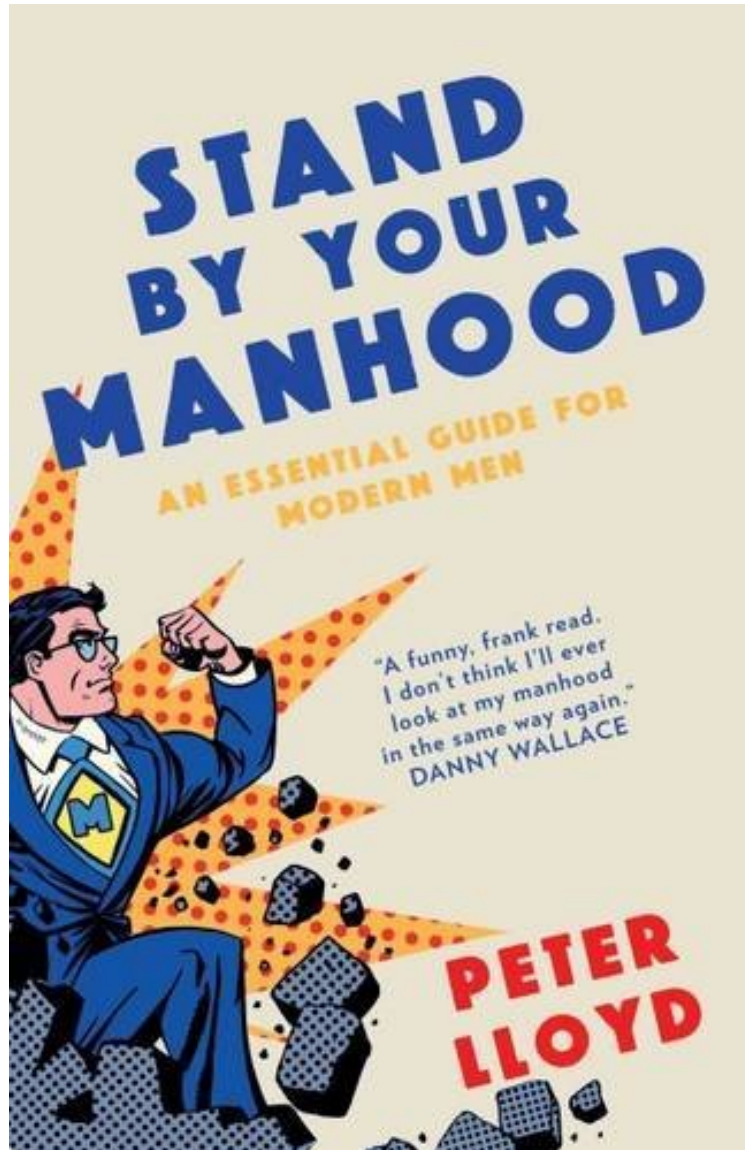


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Peter Lloyd has written a very original and enjoyable analysis of the state of men in today's society. The book starts with a bang. Perhaps this excerpt will give you a sense of the author's unique combination of deadpan humor and bitter truths: Being a man is brilliant. Except for ... circumcision, paying the bill, becoming a weekend father oh, and those pesky early deaths. Suicide isn't much of a laugh either. Nor is paternity fraud, schools failing boys, military conscription, conception by deception, the criminal sentencing gap, coughing up 70 per cent of income tax, dominating homeless statistics. There is lots of other new information here including details on London's 2014 mens festival, Being A Man. Lloyd does not deny that there are certain advantages to being male. But we also have our own issues of everyday sexism: denied parental rights; left to die years earlier than women; and casually packed off to war like mules. Lloyd also mentions the inconvenient and little known fact that an astounding eighty percent of the 5.7 million jobs lost by Americans during the 2007-2009 economic crunch were held by men. Lloyd's humor helps soften the blows; he writes, In the Oppression Olympics [women would] be Usain Bolt. Yet in the end the pain remains of men who justly complain being [w]ritten off as misogynists for daring to demand a fair deal. In fact, the author has tons of great one liners. Andrea Dworkin seemingly had a chip on each shoulder to balance herself out. Men had been criticised non-stop for about half a century, so were probably due a right to reply. One of my favorites: And here's the bit nobody else will admit: loads of girls do want to get pregnant. I'd get pregnant for a free house! Here is a sad yet deft summary of the state of things: the resentment traditionally reserved for men has slid down the life continuum scale to boys, and boys are now being treated like defective girls. Again, it was reported that Two hundred people died this afternoon including seventy-four women and three children. Oh right. And who were the others? Extras from The Muppet Show? Lloyd spends a good amount of time exploring the largely neglected topic of ridicule of our private parts for allegedly not measuring up. Later he explodes the myth that somehow mens interest in pornography is a problem. Moreover, women who choose to model in mens magazines ironically find themselves being criticized by feminists for their choices. Quite frankly, if feminism is about making choices, why are feminists the only ones trying to take choice away from me? The author goes on to demonstrate the huge disconnect between views of male and female sexuality, the former of which seems to be seen as inherently bad. In a memorable bit of writing, he speculates that Judi Dench might participate in a movie about an older woman who cheats on her husband with a minor. It will be a cerebral, artistic, empowering examination of the deep-seated sexual and emotional rapids that run at the heart of every woman, whilst the men are off being dirty pervs in raincoats. Give me a break. So we have reached the point where sadly Peter Wu was recently expelled from Vassar College for sleeping with a woman (!) even though he was never formally charged with an offense. Similarly, while straight sex clubs are protested, somehow gay sex clubs get off scot-free. Why are gay men more entrusted with testosterone than their straight brothers? Lloyd also finally punctures the oddly persistent myth that men peak at age eighteen as badly wide of the mark. I appreciated the author's delving into some issues I don't recall seeing addressed in the 500 or so books about gender that I have read and the 200 that I have reviewed, such as the fact that [b]efore the 1930s there was no such thing as buying an engagement ring for a future spouse. Lloyd also discusses a recent study proving that many teenage girls are becoming pregnant on purpose as a career move because, with both the state and father contributing, it offers more guaranteed security than a job. One heartbreaking story relates to a recently discovered life-extending prostate cancer drug that was not pursued by the British healthcare authority because it was considered too expensive at a price of 100 per person. I don't remember ever reading before that lesbians actually outearn men, as do never married, childless women, and also the salary gap, to the extent it does exist, opens up at the age of thirty, the same age when the typical woman first becomes pregnant. Lloyd makes the excellent point that there is no reason to reveal the identity of someone accused of rape before his or her guilt has even been proven. The author also notes that until 1976, the UK had rape trial anonymity for both the alleged victim and the accused. One basic thing that is done all too infrequently (well, let's be honest, basically never) is wholesale cheerleading for mens accomplishments. So here's more than a paragraph of Lloyd's take on what males have done to help humanity: We invented football, secret intelligence, beer, the internet, philosophy, architecture, cars, trains, helicopters, submarines and the aeroplane. Not to mention email, the jet engine, Polaroids, IVF, parachutes, electricity, solar power and remote controls. We developed modern medicine with the birth of anaesthetic. We've led all the industrial revolutions and sent rockets into space. We've fought in bloody wars with tin hats and bayonets and still won. The world we live in would be nothing without Alan Turing, Alexander Graham Bell, Sigmund Freud, Horatio Nelson, Winston Churchill, Ernest Hemingway and Albert Einstein. Oh, and Jesus was a man. The chapter on circumcision (more properly, on genital autonomy) is very well done and only makes a couple minor errors that are not important in the scheme of things. He is right on in theorizing that our comfort with disfiguring boys for no good reason is probably partly grounded in our failure to acknowledge children's future reality as sexual people. We see our kids as children, never potential sexual beings, so don't bother to question how [circumcision] may affect their future pleasures. Lloyd quotes a clueless female Member of Parliament who suggests that if male genitalia were being cut off without anesthetic the procedure would have been stopped immediately. Only problem of course is that partial penile amputation is exactly what circumcision is and it obviously hasn't been stopped yet. The author reminds us that despite men committing a resounding 77% of suicides, no one is willing to address this problem as a gender issue because doing so would ostensibly be sexist. Even more alarmingly, there isn't one person in

[the UK but presumably also the US] government whos responsible for improving mens health. Not one. This is indeed a depressing fact. And moreover we still dont have a prostate cancer screening program, although male deaths from it are now fully four times the number of female deaths from cervical cancer. Contrary to popular myth, the relative lack of effective self-care by men relative to women only makes a small contribution to the difference between mens and womens life expectancies. Lloyds sobering conclusion, which I dont recall ever seeing in print before, is, Men arent dying sooner because theyre ignorant or proudits because the entire system leaves them to rot and, politically, theyre discouraged from doing anything about it. This book marks itself as unique in its miraculous tightrope walk that maintains an upbeat, humorous tone while delving into tons of potentially depressing truths about the treatment of masculinity in modern developed world society. Lloyd ably employs his professional skills as a journalist and fearlessly speaks the truth to the world about the sorry state we have built for ourselves. Do not pass Go, do not collect a hundred pounds, but go thou immediately to thy local bookseller or website and pick this stunning tome up! You wont regret it. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Yes, Men are in fact pretty awesome. By Drew A funny, honest, and compassionate pep talk for boys and men in the modern era. Refreshingly politically incorrect and irreverent. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very good starting point By observer This is a very good book. What makes it different from many other Men Rights books is that it is very balanced. Nevertheless, quite a few things revealed in the text are quite shocking. This is not a Man's World, not for a long time. It is ruled by women and to a large degree by militant feminists. Anyway, this book is a good introduction into the topic of gender inequality - though of not the traditional kind - that prepares the reader for more radical opinions, such as that of Rollo Tomassi for instance. Written in easy and engaging language, supported by facts and reach and yet it expresses personal opinion of the author. Highly recommended.

Men are brilliant. Being a man is brilliant except for penile dysmorphia, circumcision, becoming a weekend father, military conscription, critics who've been hating on us for . . . well, pretty much fifty yearsoh, and those pesky early deaths. Fortunately, Peter Lloyd is here to tackle controversial topics in this fearless bloke bible, part blistering polemic, part politically incorrect road map for the modern man. Peter Lloyd is a journalist at the Mail on Sunday and MailOnline, while also contributing to the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mirror. He was formerly the staff writer at Madonna's UK PR company, and his clients included Russell Brand, Robert Plant, and Rufus Wainwright.

"A funny, frank read. I don't think I'll ever look at my manhood in the same way again." - Danny Wallace; "[An] angry, funny, provocative book [that] certainly offers plenty of food for thought. I am stirred by his rallying call for us to become 'suffragents'." - Daily Mail; "A sophisticated tome for the modern man." - The Mirror; "It is: intelligent, very well-researched including extensive interviews with many female academics and researchers, myth-busting, articulate, witty, upbeat, challenging, surprising, laugh out-loud funny in places, shocking in others, angry, compassionate, respectful of women, optimistic and a really good read." - The Huffington Post; "Empowering and humorous... his entire book is a call to arms for men to celebrate, acknowledge, and take pride in themselves as men. [A] standing ovation for men." - A Voice For Men About the Author Peter Lloyd: Peter Lloyd is a journalist at the Mail on Sunday and MailOnline, while also contributing to the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mirror. He was formerly the staff writer at Madonna's UK PR company, clients included Russell Brand, Robert Plant and Rufus Wainwright.