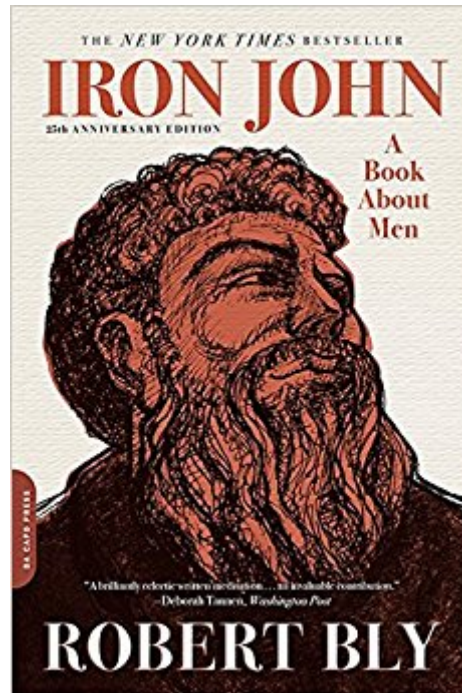




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Iron John: A Book About Men



Synopsis

In this timeless and deeply learned classic, poet and translator Robert Bly offers nothing less than a new vision of what it means to be a man. Bly's vision is based on his ongoing work with men, as well as on reflections on his own life. He addresses the devastating effects of remote fathers and mourns the disappearance of male initiation rites in our culture. Finding rich meaning in ancient stories and legends, Bly uses the Grimm fairy tale "Iron John" in which a mentor or "Wild Man" guides a young man through eight stages of male growth; to remind us of ways of knowing long forgotten, images of deep and vigorous masculinity centered in feeling and protective of the young. At once down-to-earth and elevated, combining the grandeur of myth with the practical and often painful lessons of our own histories, Iron John is an astonishing work that will continue to guide and inspire men and women for years to come.

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Robert Bly is a poet, author, translator, activist, and leader of the mythopoetic men's movement. Bly has received many awards, including the National Book Award, for his poetry; in 2013, he was awarded the Poetry Society of America's Robert Frost Medal, a lifetime achievement award. He lives in Moose Lake, Minnesota.robertbly.com

Great book for anyone looking to find out what makes a man. For the past 30 years mens roles have been downplayed and muddled. This book gives insight as to what manhood truly means. It is

a bit of a slow read and its the type of read that allows you to skip around a bit without getting lost of "ruining" the story. I would recommend this for any middle aged man that is feeling "lost" or unsure of what the male relationship should or should not be in our society.

The book talks about the evolution of man during the advancement of society and how changes that man has adapted over time have an overall effect on his psyche. At this point in my reading, the effect of the impact is that man has become very mellow and out of touch with his wild side

Best book I had encounter so far. I keep going back to it and several times over the years. It that allowed me to really understand the true nature of the male psyche, without any post-modern 'politically correct' distortion. A must read for anyone who wants to understand the situation of manhood in today's world and what to do to retake it.

If you can endure the 80's lingo and liberal-political bias and "cultural interpretations" (talk aboutt "stretching"!), then this is worth a long ponderous read. Brings Jung to life!

My alcoholic Father gave me this book years ago, it helped me to forgive him.

I think the story of Iron John and the author Robert Bly should be a part of story telling to all ages, especially to the young and impressionable. So many different meanings behind the words. I enjoy Robert's interpretation of every story he touches

An important read for parents, teens, young males, adult males, women trying to figure men out, men trying to figure men out, and self-help male and female

This is a prose poem where the author opens his heart and intellect to us. Sometimes i skip chapters or paragraphs from my readings but this i read from first line to last. And was sorry it ended. Lots of insights into our lives as magic beings and also some belly laughs. I'll soon re read it. There are quite a few videos of him in YouTube which i intend to watch. Thanks for writing it Robert Bly, you're a beautiful person. Joy to you!

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