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## .Download Ebook ? Big Boys Cry ♠ eBooks or Kindle ePUB free

Feeling frightened on his first day at a new school, Levi begins to weep, only to be told by his concerned father that big boys don't cry. As he walks to school however, he sees any

number of grown men crying, each for different reasons Reassured about showing his emotions, he lets a tear slip as he gets to school Fortunately, he has such a good time that he is no longer crying when he gets home This time, it is his father who weeps, leading Levi to offer comfort in turn for big boys do indeed cry

A debut for British author and illustrator Jonty Howley, *Big Boys Cry* is a lovely, heartfelt picture book addressing the emotional life of boys, and the importance of being able to express fear and distress Although I do feel that there is value in being able to control one's emotions or rather, the expression of one's emotions, when in public particularly at certain times or events, I also believe that this can be taken too far, and that the way it is enforced along gender lines can be destructive I'm glad to see that Howley offers a humane and reasonable vision of a boy's life, in this regard yes, big boys and men do cry from time to time, like all human beings

The accompanying artwork here, depicting Levi making his way through his seaside town, is absolutely gorgeous, upping this one from a high three star title to a solid four star one I loved the stylized figures, and the use of color, and look forward to seeing what Howley will produce in the future Recommended to anyone looking for new children's stories addressing emotional expression for young boys.

Age Preschool 2nd grade  
Family Father and son  
Familiar Experience Going to a new school, first day of school  
Before Levi nervously leaves for his first day of school, his father tells him that big boys don't cry But on his way, Levi sees a variety of men experiencing strong emotions and shedding tears A great, simple way to show boys that there are many reasons to cry and it is okay Equally as important, the father admits he was wrong to his child which is a strong message to tell fathers. But I want to know why Levi's dad didn't walk with take him to the first day of school. The story as it is great for the intended audience and the simple message it wanted to deliver and the art is beautiful But, for a stronger impact I would've loved to see a bit pages on why the dad said boys don't cry and then by the end of it changed his mind There was no explanation as to why he said that or why he changed his mind later and without that the story felt a bit like it was floating around.

# BIG BOYS CRY

JONTY HOWLEY



bookaday summer reading challenge 32 A simple, straightforward, and charming challenge to that moldy old adage of traditional , toxic masculinity Would make a great choice for read aloud, and will hopefully stimulate lots of emotionally aware conversations I m definitely buying this first thing this fall. Big Boys Cry is a children s picture book written and illustrated by Jonty Howley, which stars a boy named Levi on his first day of school and learns that it is okay for a big boy, like himself, to cry. The text is rather simplistic and straightforward It is a quiet, vulnerable story about emotions and the right to express them The illustrations are equally as serene as the depiction of a quaint seaside village seemed rather apropos to the narrative. The premise of the book is rather straightforward It is Levi s first day at an unfamiliar school and his father gives him the advice that big boys don t cry, because he does not know what else to say to calm his son s nerves Along the way, Levi encounters men of all different ages and many walks of life stirred to tears by sadness, art, happiness, and love When Levi learns his father felt scared about sending Levi to school too, and they both agree that it s just fine for big boys to cry after all. All in all, Big Boys Cry is a wonderful and compassionate children s book that encourages openness and honesty about emotions. . Download Ebook ? Big Boys Cry ? Let Boys Cry This Picture Book Imagines A World In Which Boys Are Encouraged To Express Their Full Range Of Emotions It S Levi S First Day At A New School, And He S Scared When His Father Tries To Comfort Levi, He Falls Back On The Line His Own Father Used To Use With Him Big

Boys Don T Cry Though He Immediately Understands His Misstep, He Can T Find The Words To Right The Ship, And Levi Leaves For School, Still In Need Of Reassurance Fortunately, Along His Walk To School, Levi Sees Instance After Instance Of Grown Men Openly Expressing Their Sadness And Fear His Learned Mantra, Big Boys Don T Cry, Slowly Weakens, And By The Time He S At School He Releases A Tear Once There, Things Aren T So Bad After All, And On His Walk Home He Sees The Characters He S Encountered On His Journey In The Aftermath Of Their Expression Upon His Arrival Home, He Finds His Father Waiting For Him On Their Porch, Tears In His Eyes He S Able To Admit That He Was Scared For Levi, And The Two Embrace, Closer Than Before Jonty Howley S Gorgeous Debut Paints The World We Wish Existed For Our Boys, And Offers A Path There This Story Is The Truest Interpretation Of The Notion That We Should Let Boys Be Boys That Is Let Them Express The Full Range Of Their Emotions, Vulnerable Pieces And All I absolutely loved reading this book to my little one It has such an important message in a beautifully illustrated picture book A story with sparse text that begins with the message Big boys don t cry, but goes on to feature illustrations of all kinds of men crying, and a conclusion of big boys do cry Not much of a story, but definitely useful to talk about emotions and expressing them and how men have and express them, too. I m sure that I m not the only person who hates the saying that Boys don t cry But still, many adults use that saying to encourage youngsters to buck up, keep a stiff upper lip, and carry on, burying their emotions While I m not suggesting that it s okay to spend the day weeping, there is something to be said about expressing one s emotions and not being afraid to cry In this picture book, Levi is a bit anxious about heading off to school He knows that he ll be the new boy at a new school, which can be intimidating After his father tries to encourage him by telling him that crying isn t something big boys do, he heads off to school, trying to be brave But to his surprise, along the way, he spots several adults crying for various reasons After a good day at school in which he is welcomed warmly by his classmates, Levi arrives home only to find his father crying He assures the man that big boys do cry, and there s nothing in the world wrong with that Levi s father has been crying because he was worried about Levi s day would go This book s positive message may go a long way toward encouraging others to share their feelings rather than hiding them The illustrations are filled with rich colors and scenes that pay tribute to the sea and the community in which this family lives I especially liked the last double page spread in which father and son sit together in their yard, looking out to sea while basking in each other s company This title would be great to share with any child before the first day of school or a the start of a new adventure.

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