

## Save the Males

*R.F. Doyle*

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**R.F. Doyle : Save the Males** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Save the Males:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you destroy manhood, you destroy the nationBy Carl D CarmichaelThis book gets a bit tedious in the beginning with statistics but is very good in the last half and states the glaring truth to an unbiased mind.I could not agree more with its conclusions. The liberal mindset and feminism is certainly ruining this country and causing chaos. To confuse the roles and functions of men and women is a form of insanity.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Deserves Serious Attention for Insightful Suggestions and Summary of State of MalesBy J. Steven SvobodaRichard Doyle, longtime toiler in the trenches on behalf of men's rights, recognized for his efforts by the National Coalition of Free Men (among others), and emeritus editor of the eminent Liberator newsmagazine, has used his spare time since he handed over editorship of the Liberator to pen the book Save the Males. (Full disclosure: I have spent some brief yet treasured time with Mr. Doyle and admire his work and persistence. This review of the latest edition updates my earlier review of the first edition.)For an honored old-timer, Doyle has done an admirable job integrating recent developments into his book. He provides generally excellent if intermittently grumpy and idiosyncratic summations of pertinent issues, reading somewhat like a rumpiled, less erudite (but who isn't?) version of the late Daniel Amneus. Doyle's proposals near the end of the book are often fresh and engaging, and frequently provocative, while varying in practicality for actual implementation. Doyle suggests creating defaults for custody awards that are based on the age and sex of the child. Younger children will tend to be placed with Mom, while older kids, particularly boys, will live with Dad, while some room is included for consideration of individual circumstances.I was thankful for new information such as the discussion on p. 60 of the

centuries-old roots of alimony in a now long obsolete type of limited divorce, in which the husband was still liable for the wife's expenses. Fathers' importance is deftly summarized in six pages, plus an additional three pages of commentary by a fascinating range of experts on the crucial nature of fatherhood. Doyle underscores the facts that neither rape nor income in itself affects the crime rate in a community, only family status, specifically, the absence of Dad. Doyle is good on health issues and I appreciated his mention of circumcision. Previous editions suffered from poor organization and factual errors, two shortcomings that have been largely eliminated in this fourth edition. Outdated statistics have been updated, another needed improvement. Doyle is not a proponent of men crying and repeatedly states his distaste for the entire mythopoetic movement. (In a paragraph on pp. 144-145, the author reveals himself to carry some pretty blinding prejudices toward men's work toward self-discovery.) In my opinion, Doyle is right in questioning feminist-oriented men's groups such as NOMAS (National Organization for Men Against Sexism), but his half-baked speculation on the sexual proclivities of NOMAS folks is a bit embarrassing. It strikes me as somewhat sophomoric to list one's supporters in an attempt to strengthen one's credibility, and even more so to then add "and most anyone with a modicum of common sense." I learned about a number of new books from Doyle, and I appreciate that. The author backs up well his argument (pp. 175-176) that women have a higher obligation to chastity, and makes some interesting proposals regarding marriage a few pages later. "Save the Males" in its new improved version merits serious attention for its insightful suggestions and fiery, quirky summary of the current state of males. It offers the reader a ride worth several times the ticket price. 20 of 21 people found the following review helpful. telling it like it is

By Thomas B. James  
This book provides a wealth of insights into gender relations that you aren't going to find on the shelves of your local bookstore. Mr. Doyle describes himself as "a social critic with the indelicacy to be candid, without punches pulled or regard for toes stepped on." He is being too modest. There are places in the book where he steps on the entire foot. Yet, he backs up what he says with a large body of research. A person who has had no education outside of classrooms and television will no doubt feel overwhelmed by it, particularly since it contradicts what, for the past 30 years, the media and the US government have been telling us we must believe. He neatly identifies the core problem with modern feminism as follows: "Spokeswomen profess to seek equality but demand special privilege" and he provides ample illustration of how that problem plays out in practice. Doyle advocates for the employment of common sense in the resolution of gender issues. That is probably still too radical a notion to become very widely accepted anytime soon, but it is an idea whose time will someday come.