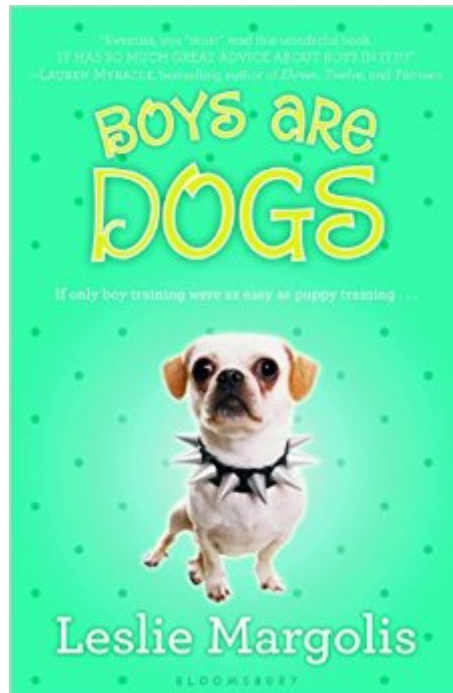


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# Boys Are Dogs (Annabelle Unleashed)



## Synopsis

The book that inspired the Disney Channel movie Zapped, starring Zendaya! When Annabelle returns from summer camp, her life is totally different. She's moving to a new house with her mom's new boyfriend, and that means starting sixth grade at a brand-new school. Birchwood Middle School is very different from her old all-girls elementary-the boys practically run wild in the hallways. And at home, Annabelle's new puppy is taking over the house and chewing on her clothes. But the puppy came with a training manual, so Annabelle might be able to get one thing under control. Unless . . . can you train a boy the way you train a dog?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## Customer Reviews

Here's the description and the Editorial Review, with the genders switched. If THIS book came out, how many of you would be OUTRAGED?George's all-boys elementary was very different from Birchwood Middle School where the girls run through the halls like wild animals. But with a little experimenting, George realizes that like his new puppy, maybe girls can be trained too.Featuring George's hilarious take on friendship, girls, and his all-new life, this novel / survival guide perfectly captures the joy--and agony--of junior high school. And it might just teach you how to tame the

wildest beast of all, the teenage girl. **REVIEWS FOR GIRLS ARE DOGS**"The [Leslie Margolis] premise of Margolis's effervescent story--a boy uses the techniques from a dog-training manual on girls--has been seen before (e.g., Sandra Dee in *If a Man Answers*), but rarely has it been so well grounded and developed. Right before the start of sixth grade, George returns from sleepaway camp to move into the house that his single father and his father's sensitive if geeky girlfriend have just set up. Their surprise gift of a puppy, George realizes, is their attempt to "bribe" him into liking the new arrangements, but he loves the puppy anyway. School, on the other hand, is a battleground, especially because it's George's first time going coed. Margolis gets the details of middle-school girl behavior just right: the girl sitting behind George torments him with endless kicking; his two lab partners hog the equipment; others play keep-away with his homework. When George does connect the dots between puppy training and communicating with girls, his breakthroughs come across as genuine. The story lines--melded household, moving, girls as dogs--coalesce naturally, giving male readers a thoughtful story along with, just possibly, some substantive female advice."

My daughter brought this home from the school book fair. She thought the cover was cute and the title was funny - what 5th grade girl doesn't laugh when someone says "boys are dogs"? Well, I read the back cover and frowned. A girl thinks she can train boys as if they are puppies. I don't like that. It's a funny thought, but a bit dehumanizing for boys. Then I read the girl in the book is pulled from her all girl's private school to go to a public school for the first time because she and her mom are moving in with the mom's boyfriend. If two adults decide to live together, that's great, but if kids are involved that's a whole different ball of wax and I am not thrilled that my 5th grader is even having that possibility put into her head. At this age, I want her romantic world to be much more black and white. Some have said this is good because kids get to see the girl learning to get along with the new boyfriend but I say they could have shown that but allowed the girl and her mom to have their own home. I am not so worked up over this that I took the book away from my daughter. I believe in letting her make her own choices with her money and this is far from the worst book out there, but if I had been there I would have helped her choose a better way to spend those dollars. I'm curious what she will think about the girl trying to train boys, and the living situation, but I can't help but smile that she says if it isn't super funny she's going to read something else.\*Update: After reading the book the only comment my daughter made was that it was kinda funny but not really. She didn't care if I gave it away.

I truly enjoyed this book because if you are a girl and you see loads of boys all the time, this book can teach you a few things of what to do. I'd definitely recommend this book to pretty much all girls.

I found this book to be abhorrent. It throws family values in the dirt, paints young men in the worst light just for being young men, and causes the reader to assume that this is normal behavior in our society.

A blatantly sexist book that would never be published if the genders were reversed.

I think one of the main problems with this book is--who is the intended audience? says the reading level is 9-12 year olds. Most reviewers call it a teen or young adult book. It made its way into my daughter's 3rd grade class--and I have a major problem with that. Its certainly not a book that promotes Christian and good family values--disobedience to an adult figure, but deceptively behind his back, live-in boyfriends (and with a child in the house!), and the circumstances of how the mom got pregnant (totally gratuitous and unneeded information that's not needed for kids even in high school). I understand the need to have books that young people can "relate" to because of similar circumstances (single parent families); but there is no good reason to promote such bad role models. More and more junior high age reading material is making its way in to elementary schools (unfortunately), making impressions on young minds that most parents wouldn't want, but aren't aware of, because they can't "preview" everything (especially if the book doesn't come home). My 8 yo didn't get past page 5, and fortunately came home asking all kinds of questions about "live in" arrangements. This is the second author that is forever off my daughter's reading list.

Boys are Dogs is a realistic and entertaining take on change. As a fellow middle school girl I can relate and imagine anyone can. Now, i feel like I know Annabel an cant wait to read Annabel's next book!

Hilarious and different. Come along with Annabelle and remember what it's like to be a young girl trying to understand adolescent boys.

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