What A Difference A Mom Makes: The Indelible Imprint A Mom Leaves On Her Son's Life
Synopsis

With unique insight and humor, a bestselling author and psychologist helps moms understand what their sons need from them in order to become men of character.

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Boys will be boys--always. And no one has a more powerful impact on them than you, Mom. Boys have three needs that they need you (their mom) to meet: 1. To be respected. 2. To be needed. 3. To be fulfilled. And it is up to you to reach out to your son and to affirm in those areas. Your son wants to please you, and even though he may have bright blue hair and embarrass you in front of your friends, he still needs to know that you back him, that you love him, that you need and respect him. This gives you a lot of influence over your son. You can set him up for success. In WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MOM MAKES, Dr. Kevin Leman reveals how you can make a positive imprint on your son from the moment you first hold him in your arms until the moment he moves out. And the best news? If you didn’t discover this book when your son was a newborn, it is never too late to start. Even if your son is nine, thirteen, or twenty-one, you can start today to make a positive imprint on his life. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MOM MAKES is a book that is full of wisdom and advice that share with moms the truth behind sibling squabbles, a secret for discipline that works every time, and how to navigate the critical teen years. Do you want to capture your son’s heart? Want a man you’ll be proud of? You can make a difference. I wish I’d discovered this book when my sons were teenagers. I navigated the critical teen years blindly, and probably not well, using more sarcasm
than necessary. I did do some things right, I have the common sense parts down, and my sons did turn out okay (so far). I highly recommend WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MOM MAKES to all mothers with sons, whether their son is hours old or in the teen years. Make sure you grab this book as a baby shower gift or a gift to your favorite mom - or yourself.

I grew up with a brother and male cousins; I raised two sons, so trust me, Ladies, when I tell you this book is "spot on." Guys can seem so weird at times, but Leman explains them all and makes it fun. You should buy this book just to enjoy the stories in it. But you get a lot more than the stories, you get the equivalent of hours of counseling with the world’s best family psychologist. What a bargain! As you work through the pages, Leman asks you to stop and think and write down your answers to his questions. Then he explains why you think and act as you do, and how that affects your parenting and influences your son. And all along the way Leman assures us that our sons care deeply about pleasing us (who woulda thought?) And we are huge in their lives at every age: "When you open your mouth, you hold your son’s welfare in your hands." My sons are grown, and I used Leman’s “reality discipline” while raising them. He has never given me bad advice, so I was happy to buy another Leman book. Even after 29 years of mothering sons, I still learned something. Buy this book.

I purchased this book as a gift to my wife. Little did I know that it would prove to be very insightful for me as well. I first purchased What a difference a daddy makes also from Dr. Leman and it has helped me a lot in building a strong bond between my daughter and me. After that, I purchased The Birth Order Book and I got so hooked on Leman’s Birth Order Theory that I now use it as a reference in the human resource recruiting process of my company. Yeah, it’s that good! So you might wonder why would a dad read this book? The way I see it it’s very interesting to understand that bond that should exist between a mother and son in order to address some issues that commonly result from bad family, sexual and cultural education we inherit from our ancestors. And you should also be in accordance with your spouse to establish wish areas of the children’s life should be reinforced by who; whether the father or the mother. Also as a son it might help you understand what lacked in your relationship between your mother while growing up and mend it answering questions like why did you turn out the way you did. Come to think about it is a good gift for mothers of all ages. I definitely recommend this book. Dr. Leman’s practical way of explaining things and comic everyday examples make the ride worth it! You’ll end up prescribing it to your friends as well.
As a Christian, mom, and avid reader, I'm always looking for something new and mind-provoking to read. I purchased WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MOM MAKES after hearing Dr. Kevin Leman speak at our annual back to school teacher convocation. I am a firstborn and a mother to two. My oldest is a four year old little boy who has all the characteristics of the typical first born child himself. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MOM MAKES really lead me to think about what things are going through his mind when we are interacting. The book gave advice and discipline strategies for all ages and stages of development and was even more helpful with the personal accounts from other moms utilizing these strategies throughout the book. I highly recommend all mothers of boys read this book and intend to refer to it throughout the coming years as my own son grows and changes!

I am a mom of four young boys and I think I underlined almost the entire book. Seriously, so much helpful information about how to be a better mom to my boys. I am passing this on to all my friends.

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