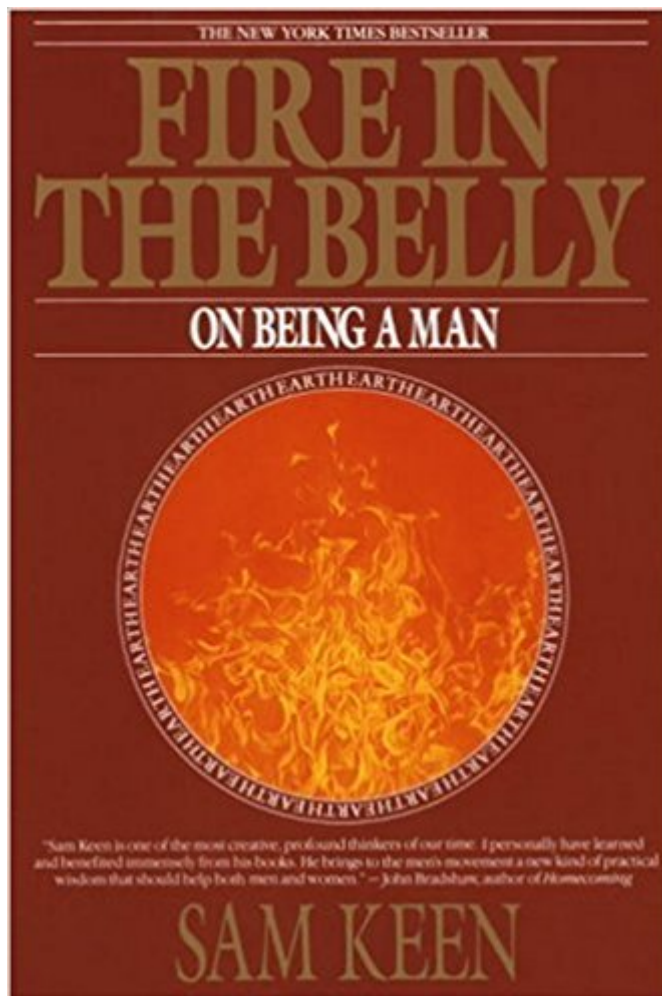


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Fire In The Belly: On Being A Man



Synopsis

Written for both men and women, this groundbreaking book takes the reader on a journey to discover new routes to authentic manhood and create alternatives to definitions of masculinity that no longer work in today's world.

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Customer Reviews

The new male that Keen envisions is neither devoted careerist nor self-absorbed New Age guy nor cool, detached "post-modern man." He is husbandman and steward of the earth--strong, vulnerable, with a capacity for moral outrage, empathy and wonder--whose right livelihood is consonant with ecological awareness. Consulting editor of *Psychology Today*, Keen (*Faces of the Enemy*) argues that men must define their identities by severing themselves from women as approval-giving mother figures and as the ancient Goddess who continues to exert power within the male psyche's hidden recesses. Going beyond the modern rites of manhood--alienating work, war, performance-oriented sex--the new male "psychonaut" brings forth meaning by undertaking "a spiritual journey into the self." Men--and women--will be enriched by the uncommon insights in Keen's speculative primer. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

It would be too simplistic to characterize this book as a treatise on male liberation, for Keen goes farther in categorizing male and female traits than do many other books on the subject. Many readers may even find his discussion in the chapter "It's a Woman's World" disquieting. Keen

argues that if the old gender/sex differentiations are wrong, so are modern unisex approaches. The difference between men and women is more than biological. Keen does not articulate the difference, however, calling it a mystery. Describing what being a man has historically meant, he argues forcefully that we need a new understanding, one that he hopes his book will help form. Challenging, well written, recommended, and definitely not for men only.- John Moryl, Yeshiva Univ. Lib., New YorkCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

a bit dated but every man should read this, and every woman who is in a relationship with a man should read this too. It helps illuminate why men think and act as they do, and why most don't even realize it.

Although the reader must be aware that it's not a "how-to manual", but yet another piece of the puzzle that explore the ideals of manhood in our modern culture, trying to answer the question: how to be a man in the modern world; it's one of the best books on manhood that I ever read.

this is the second time i've owned this book as my first copy wore out. while of course 'being a man' is a pretty subjective recommendation based on one's personal experiences, the book does provide some insight into gender differences that are worth contemplating and some overarching worthwhile societal goals to strive for irrespective of gender

This book is for men who have experienced their emptiness, loneliness, and longing for connection, but whose ways of dealing with these issues are limited by old paradigms and beliefs which could change if exposed to new information. This book, a real treasure, contains much of this new information. I highly, highly recommend it.

Of all of the "new age" 1970s "public philosophers," Keen is the most outstanding in terms of his insights and "no BS" approach to personal development issues. He makes you think and feel.

Its an old book (early nineties) but much of the content is still of relevance today. It gives a personal story and also societal and historical information and is not preachy or pretending having the truth. It gives you some information for your quest to find out who you are as a man.

A great read. It is definitely a classic. Sam Keen is a bard for the evolved male.

Sam is one of the amazing sages among us and has captured the many varying meanings of the male essence. Thank you for your truth and kindness in showing the way to their own light.

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