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## April 2023 Newsletter

### Social Survival for Boys The Challenges of Navigating Online Pressure

Hello Readers,

My concern for the wellbeing of boys and men started young and eventually inspired me to become an educator and a speaker. Flying under the radar in the land of boys well into my teens allowed me to witness common ways that boys manage the pressure to feel enough. Playing on boys' sports teams and joining their recess games were the realms where I saw their deepest fears exposed. For a time, I managed my own jostle in the hierarchy of recess or practice by piling on. After two of my male ski pals openly shared what was required for them to socially survive each day, I became aware of the undercurrent and developed compassion for most guys.

I support and present to young people of all ages and genders, but we have reached a critical point where we need to attend to the challenges boys and young men face. I believe that addressing difficult topics and sharing information with boys and young men is beneficial for all genders in a community. [READ MORE](#)

### Cindy's Recent & Upcoming Engagements

#### *RECENT PRESENTATIONS:*

- **Salisbury School** - Salisbury, CT
- Kappa Delta Epsilon, **Dartmouth College** - Hanover, NH
- Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority & Delta Chi Fraternity, **Cornell University** - Ithaca, NY
- **Vail Mountain School** - Vail, CO
- **Ski Club Vail**, Coaching Staff - Vail, CO
- **St. John's Prep** - Danbury, MA
- **Cardigan Mountain School** - Canaan, NH
- **Marvelwood School** - Kent, CT

#### *CONFIRMED UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS:*

- **The Peddie School** - Hightstown, NJ

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## Why I'm done trying to be "man enough"

Justin Baldoni • TED 2018



TED 2018: Justin Baldoni wants to start a dialogue with men about redefining masculinity -- to figure out ways to be not just good men but good humans.

"In a warm, personal talk, Justin shares his effort to reconcile who he is with who the world tells him a man should be. And he has a challenge for men: 'See if you can use the same qualities that you feel make you a man to go deeper,' he says. 'Your strength, your bravery, your toughness: Are you brave enough to be vulnerable? Are you strong enough to be sensitive? Are you confident enough to listen to the women in your life?'" TED 2018

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## How Boys Face Relentless Pressure to Prove Themselves



### Beaver Country Day -

Chestnut Hill, MA

- **Crossett Brook Middle School** - Duxbury, VT
  - **Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School** (parents only) - Berkeley, CT
  - **Ivanhoe Elementary School** (parents only) - Los Angeles, CA
  - **Waterville Valley Academy** - WV, NH
  - **Moses Brown School** - Providence, RI
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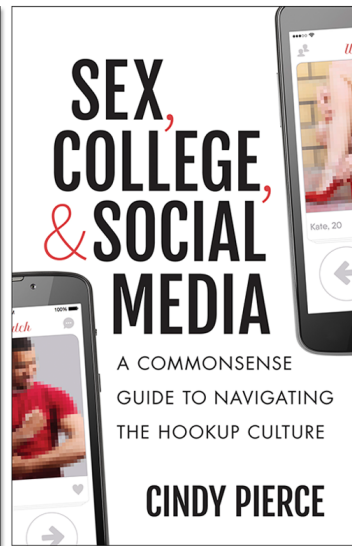
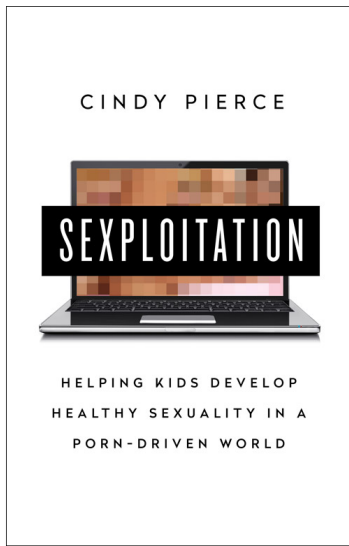
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