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Mama's boys – and the mothers who love them

New Chicken Soup for the Soul collection celebrates eternal bond between mothers and sons

COS COB, Conn. – As numerous mothers know, raising boys can be an adventure. From baby blue blankets to first wedding dances, sons provide their mothers immeasurable amounts of joy – not to mention bruised knees to clean, rambunctious friends, and good-natured teasing. And while many men might bristle at the term “mama’s boy,” most mothers consider it high praise for their beloved sons.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Moms and Sons (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC., 978-1-935096-16-0, September 2008, \$14.95) is a collection of stories from mothers, grandmothers, and sons about their special relationship. It is part of the new “101 Best Stories” series by the new publisher of Chicken Soup for the Soul books. With refreshed cover designs and interior layouts, books in the “101 Best Stories” series offer the Editor’s favorite tales and poems submitted in the 15-year history of Chicken Soup for the Soul, reflecting the brand’s excitement and new energy on this memorable anniversary.

With topics ranging from “Being a Sport” to “Raising Wonderful Men,” *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Moms and Sons* offers glimpses into the touching – and often funny – interactions between mothers and their boys. Grateful sons, single moms, and loving grandmothers all chime in to add their voices to this new collection.

“What more could a son ask from his mother than her continued support and love?” writes *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Moms and Sons* contributor Johnny N. Ortez. “Nothing can compare to a mother’s love, and being a mama’s boy is a good thing. My mom has been the rock of my life.”

“Unity, love family – these are the things that saved my sons and will save many more sons to come,” writes Falaka Fattah, who adopted the members of a Philadelphia gang and became their surrogate mother. “There is no limit to this love. My own name, Falaka, means “new day.” Every day for me is another opportunity to be a mother to these boys who, more than anything, simply need love.”

Inside *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Moms and Sons*, you’ll also read about:

- How Connie Hill’s son honored her for being a working mom
- The meaning behind Cheryl Costello-Forshey’s “no hug” rule – and how a son decided to break it
- Why Kirk Hill took his mom out on a date
- Why dinnertime is the favorite time of day for Lynn Fredericks, single mom of two sons

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Moms and Sons (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Amy Newmark) releases September 2008. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series which are distributed through Simon and Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold over 112 million copies, with titles translated into over 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees through IMG, the world’s premier licensing agent. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support and inspiration. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: www.chickensoup.com.

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