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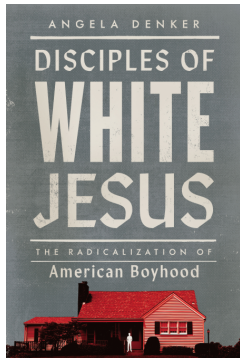
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Exploring modern American boyhood's connection to the alarming rise of white nationalism and white supremacy.



"This is a book about identity—its loss, its malformation, and the struggle to forge new ones. With the tenderness of a mother and the insight of a scholar, Denker pulls us off the path of easy outrage and leads us to look more closely at the inner lives of white boys and men. For those of us who seek a healthier church, community, and nation, *Disciples of White Jesus* is timely and essential reading."
—Jemar Tisby, PhD, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Color of Compromise*

In [*Disciples of White Jesus: The Radicalization of American Boyhood*](#) (March 25), Angela Denker offers a comprehensive look at the rise in radicalization among young white men in America, especially focused on the role of right-wing Christianity in the increase of religious-based hatred and violence. Denker goes deep into the online rabbit holes of right-wing Christian influencers and conservative Christian ideology to understand how the preaching of "traditional gender roles" and "submission of women" has led to anger, outrage, loneliness, depression, and limiting identities for young white Christian men across America.

Casting her journalist's eye across the US, Denker retraces the steps of a racist South Carolina mass shooter and a Phoenix skinhead turned Evangelical pastor, interviews middle school teachers and coaches in the Midwest, and introduces us to young men across the country who will both confirm and confound our ideas about American boyhood—stories about boys and men who are forging new identities grounded in kindness, grace, respect, and even joy. A must-read for parents, grandparents, educators, coaches, faith leaders, researchers, and all who care about the state of American families, boys themselves, and the safety of American society at large.

Disciples of White Jesus: The Radicalization of American Boyhood

By Angela Denker

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Rev. Angela Denker is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a veteran journalist. Her first book, *Red State Christians*, was the silver winner in political and social sciences for the 2019 Foreword Indies Book of the Year awards. She is a columnist for the *Minnesota Star Tribune* and has written for many publications, including *Sports Illustrated*, the *Washington Post*, and *Fortune* magazine. She has also appeared on CNN, BBC, SkyNews, and NPR.

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Praise for *Disciples of White Jesus*:

"Readers should not be fooled by Angela Denker's storytelling ease and graceful prose into thinking this is simply another anodyne book about child-rearing. Her arguments about the sources and the persistence of racism, misogyny, and what she calls 'brutish masculinity' are powerful and, sadly, all too relevant. More important, she offers a way out—the examples of godly men who are working to subvert this toxic culture. In the author's words, 'Only the stories can save us.'"

—**Randall Balmer**, author of *Saving Faith: How American Christianity Can Reclaim Its Prophetic Voice*

"Angela Denker's deft storytelling critically examines the crisis of masculinity that white Christian boys and young men face today. With journalistic skill and heartfelt love for the church, she highlights the problem and offers a powerful, Jesus-centered way forward."

—**Pastor Caleb E. Campbell**, author of *Disarming Leviathan*

"This is a beautiful book, haunting and hopeful. As Angela Denker takes us on a journey across the nation, she helps us learn more about our society, our churches, and our young men. It's a gift that we get to tag along. This is a book I needed as a Christian, a man, and the father of an adolescent boy."

—**Brian Kaylor**, president of Word&Way and coauthor of *Baptizing America*

"Angela Denker's *Disciples of White Jesus* is a much-needed interjection into one of the most vexing and troubling components of modern America—white Christian masculinity. Denker has a journalist's touch, a theologian's eyes, and a pastor's heart. She brings us into the sites, the currents, and the media where young white Christian men are taught to be masculine and analyzes them with unflinching honesty and truth-telling. Denker's analysis of masculinity leads to examinations of race, love, and other touchstones of modern identity. The result is a book that will be a salvo for many parents, pastors, and anyone else worried about the fate of young Christian men in America—and the people around them. This book explains the mechanisms of toxic American masculinity and provides hope for developing a different model. I can't recommend it enough."

—**Bradley Onishi**, author of *Preparing for War* and cohost of *Straight White American Jesus* podcast

"In this profoundly humane and personal book, Angela Denker recognizes that the 'crisis of masculinity' is not worse for white Christian boys, but *is* different. Our nation's history of patriarchy, white supremacy, and Christian nationalism makes it so. And those differences are producing a dangerous cocktail of internalized victimization, anger, and violence. With powerful stories of radicalization and redemption, Denker not only diagnoses the problem; with a pastor's heart, she shows us the way out."

—**Samuel L. Perry**, coauthor of *The Flag and the Cross* and *Taking America Back for God*

"As an expert on influencers and the mom of a boy, I know how desperately we all need this book. Angela Denker lays out clearly the insidious dangers facing white boys and young men in America, but she didn't leave me in despair. Instead, *Disciples of White Jesus* gave me hope of a better future for us all, for white boys and men, and for those of us who love them."

—**Jo Piazza**, bestselling author and host of the *Under the Influence* podcast