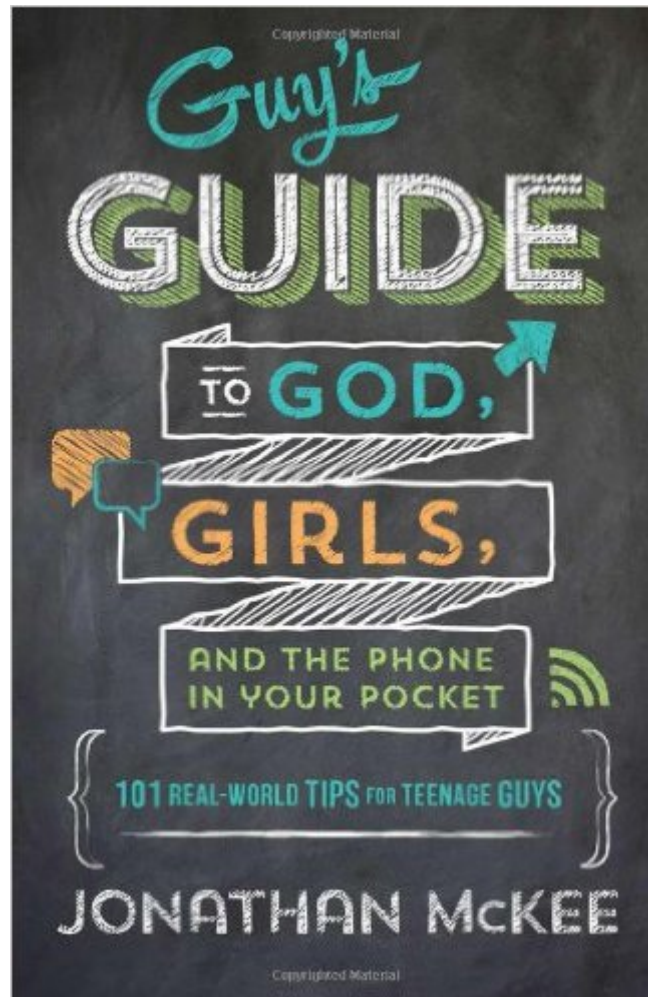


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# The Guy's Guide To God, Girls, And The Phone In Your Pocket: 101 Real-World Tips For Teenaged Guys



## Synopsis

The Guy's Guide will encourage your faith, challenge you spiritually, and give you real-life advice how to live out your faith in today's highly secularized culture, with distractions lurking around every corner. . .and just a click away.

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## Customer Reviews

Like many youth ministry books I've read, the title may show the book is intended for teen guys, but the content contains a depth of thought that it easily speaks into the lives of adults as well. The Guy's Guide to God, Girls, and the Phone in Your Pocket is full of bite size bits of wisdom that had me nodding my head in agreement constantly with things that I believe need to be said, and with things that convicted my soul. It will be a book I keep with me for my personal use, for ministry use as a pastor, and certainly for use as my own three sons grow up. The book is written in easy to understand terms that can translate across many age groups, but filled with pop culture references that will certainly resonate with the audience of teen boys it is intended for. Jonathan speaks a number of hard truths that leave no room for misunderstanding the message he's trying to get across. Where some books will speak of learning "respect" or "dealing with sexual sin" he goes the step further to explain what respect or lust really are and what they look like in life. It is more than just a list of do's and do not's though, and steps into the midst of seeking to have hearts and life patterns that strive to be Christ-like. I'm glad I heard about this book online as I'm sure it will prove

as valuable in my ministry as it is proving in my own life.

Well, I'd like to tell Jonathan McKee that he wrote this book about 20-25 years too late. But since we're about the same age, I suppose I can't hold that against him. But Guy's Guide to God, Girls, and The Phone In Your Pocket is a bold package of advice I could have used more of when I was a teenage guy. I have read a lot of Jonathan's writing, from previous books to faithfully following his blog. If you're in youth ministry, or a parent of a teen, you should too. The subtitle to this gem is 101 Real-World Tips for Teenage Guys. He could have just as easily called it Tellin' It Like It Is! McKee doesn't mince words when handing out this advice, nor should he. If men want to be treated like men, then they should stand up and hear the truth like men. Jonathan has written a book aimed at teenage guys and thought it through in doing so. Each chapter is short and has good questions to ask of yourself, or use in a small group setting. I don't think my 10-year old son is too young to begin considering these things in our father-son outings. Each chapter includes a biblical reference for deeper thought. Because good advice should have a foundation, and I believe it does. This book is filled with practicals on how to treat (and attract) women, as well as advice on surviving a zombie apocalypse. Laugh now, but every boy scout knows it's better to be prepared. Jonathan also offers deeper advice, such as the wisdom in planning ahead, making courageous decisions that require honesty and how to approach building your character. Good quality stuff from start to finish.

This is a great book to give to any teenage guy. My wife and I are the youth pastor's and as I read the tips(advice) given I found myself saying "that would make a good lesson." I wish I would have read this when I was a teenager. There are tips from encouraging teenage boys to learn to cook to examining your spiritual walk with the Lord. Some tips have a scripture and some do not. Some tips will ask you questions that will cause you to examine your life in the physical and the spiritual. As I read thru the tips I found myself laughing at times and also saying "oohhh that is good." For example: Are you a lava lamp or a spotlight is tip #11. One of the things I am considering doing is getting the boys together on a Sunday morning since that is when we have class and go over several tips or another option would be for the teenage boys to use the tips as part of their daily devotional. Since each tip might take between 2-5 minutes read. I recommend this book.

I gave this a 5 star rating because it is a great resource for Youth Pastors and parents of young guys. This book could and should be used to open up dialogue on subjects that some persons feel awkward discussing, especially young guys with parents or even other guy friends. Could be used

as one minute meditations and discussion starters for group settings. As a pastor with 20 years plus in ministry I definitely will make sure the young men of my church will get a copy of this book. Pastor Gary McDonough

There seems to be a lot of books available for girls out there and not many for young men. I'm sure it has to do with the fact that girls are more apt to purchase and actually read a book compared with boys. Thanks Jonathan for ignoring that and producing something that I think a teenage boy would read. It's short (boys like short books). It's funny and covers an enormous amount of material that is relevant to all teenage males. As I read the book a number of things kept coming to mind. First, I was wishing I could unscrew the lid off of every teenage boy's brain I knew and dump the entire contents of this book in it. The results would be amazing. We'd have young men that had good manners, treated themselves and everyone else with respect, smelled better and most importantly made decisions to follow Jesus daily. If only it were that easy! Secondly, if only there had been such a helpful book when my son was a teenager. Third, the advice in this book is good for everyone including me! Unfortunately, like so many good books, getting the knowledge from the book to the teenager might be a little difficult. Kind of like the old adage about "bringing a horse to water". When I recommend this book to others I will suggest that they buy two. One for the student and one for their father, grandparent, uncle or mentor. This book would be a valuable tool for any teenager that wants to become the young man that God intends him to be. Brian Saunders Director of Youth Ministries, Highland United Methodist Church

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