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Over the past several years a rash of incidents involving boys who have shot, strangled, stabbed, or in some other way inflicted violence on others - including children, teaches and their own parents - has heightened public awareness and sparked widespread discussion of "the boy problem" in schools and communities across the country. Troubling statistics indicating that suicide has become the second leading cause of death among boys in their mid-to-late teens, or that a fifteen-year-old boy is seven times more likely to die by his own hand compared to a girl the same age, only add to the debate. But according to Ph.D.'s Kindlon and Michael Thompson, schoolyard shootings and teen suicides, which focus our attention on only a tiny fraction of the boy population, are merely high-profile indications of deeper and more fundamental problems that place all our boys at risk.

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