



## The Boy: A Novel

By Lara Santoro

Download now

Read Online →

**The Boy: A Novel** By Lara Santoro

**"Gorgeous, fiercely intelligent, deeply honest, and incredibly entertaining."  
---Anne Lamott**

Anna has always been a risk-taker and a free spirit, but now she is raising a young daughter on her own and she has to play it safe. Her twenty-something neighbor with the slow, easy smile is in no way part of Anna's plans. She resists temptation in every way she can, yet Anna is soon drawn into a reckless and obsessive affair.

Provocative, headlong, and utterly compelling, **THE BOY** is the story of a woman on the edge, torn between love and compulsion, desire and duty. Lara Santoro writes in "hypnotic and swiftly paced" prose (Daniel Woodrell) about the hazards of passion and motherhood and about one woman's unthinkable rebellion.

↓ [Download The Boy: A Novel ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online The Boy: A Novel ...pdf](#)

# The Boy: A Novel

*By Lara Santoro*

**The Boy: A Novel** By Lara Santoro

**"Gorgeous, fiercely intelligent, deeply honest, and incredibly entertaining." ---Anne Lamott**

Anna has always been a risk-taker and a free spirit, but now she is raising a young daughter on her own and she has to play it safe. Her twenty-something neighbor with the slow, easy smile is in no way part of Anna's plans. She resists temptation in every way she can, yet Anna is soon drawn into a reckless and obsessive affair.

Provocative, headlong, and utterly compelling, THE BOY is the story of a woman on the edge, torn between love and compulsion, desire and duty. Lara Santoro writes in "hypnotic and swiftly paced" prose (Daniel Woodrell) about the hazards of passion and motherhood and about one woman's unthinkable rebellion.

## **The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #1550627 in Books
- Published on: 2014-01-28
- Released on: 2014-01-28
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.25" h x .63" w x 5.50" l, .44 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 208 pages

 [Download The Boy: A Novel ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Boy: A Novel ...pdf](#)

## Editorial Review

From [Booklist](#)

Santoro's second novel (after *Mercy*, 2007), follows one woman's unraveling after an affair with a younger man propels her to reexamine her perspectives on motherhood and her own identity. A former journalist, Anna is now a single mother in her forties. She and her precocious 8-year-old daughter, Eva, are now living in New Mexico after a bitter split with Eva's father, who remains in England. An addition to their household is Espi, Eva's protective caretaker, who has alcohol and gambling problems. The neighbor's 20-year-old son, a college dropout, is inexplicably drawn to Anna, and the two begin an affair. When Eva travels abroad to spend time with her father, "the boy" moves in with Anna, much to the displeasure of seemingly everyone. Things inevitably begin to lurch out of control as the demons of Anna's former life come into play, and her self-involved choices lead to catastrophic events in her life and the lives of those around her. Santoro's fast-paced style aptly conveys Anna's frenetic downward spiral. --Leah Strauss

### Review

"Fierce....*The Boy* achieves startling power because of Ms. Santoro's refusal to soften the edges of her riveting main character, who hates and loves at hot-blooded extremes....Ms. Santoro has made her all too human." ---Sam Sacks, *Wall Street Journal*

"*The Boy* unfolds with terse, impressionistic rapidity-like a spare, brutalist modern fairy tale....You can't turn away." ---Ben Dickinson, *Elle*

"I read it in one go, with my heart in my mouth. Witty, compulsive, sensuous, and brutally honest about the price of motherhood."

?**Emma Donoghue, author of *Room***

"Lara Santoro's *The Boy* is both a swift and seductive novel. To experience such brutal beauty is why I read fiction."?**Alice Sebold, author of *The Almost Moon***

"I read this novel in one sitting and was mesmerized, addicted, charmed, jealous. *The Boy* is gorgeous, fiercely intelligent, deeply honest, and incredibly entertaining."?**Anne Lamott, author of *Some Assembly Required***

"*The Boy* is beautifully written, beguiling in its fashion, hypnotic and swiftly paced. Lara Santoro tells a morally complicated and edgy story and doesn't retreat, but stays true to her music. The word brave comes to mind, as does masterful."?**Daniel Woodrell, author of *Winter's Bone***

"Lara Santoro is a brilliant novelist whose vision is fierce and unsparingly clear. *The Boy* is a beautiful, brutally sensuous novel."?**Kate Christensen, author of *The Great Man***

"Lara Santoro drills deep down, to the maelstrom of desire and despair that we cover up with the stories we tell ourselves. Unflinching and passionate, fierce and tender, *The Boy* is both a love story between parents and children, and a coming-of-age story for all women who are old enough to know better. It broke my heart."?**Allegra Huston, author of *Love Child***

### About the Author

Lara Santoro spent most of her career as a foreign news correspondent, based primarily in Rome and in

Nairobi working for *Newsweek* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature from Smith College, a Master's degree in French Literature from the Sorbonne, and a Master's in Fine Arts from New York University. She was born in Rome, and currently lives in New Mexico. She is the author of one previous novel, *Mercy*.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Frank Craver:**

Do you one among people who can't read satisfying if the sentence chained inside the straightway, hold on guys this kind of aren't like that. This *The Boy: A Novel* book is readable simply by you who hate those perfect word style. You will find the facts here are arrange for enjoyable reading experience without leaving even decrease the knowledge that want to offer to you. The writer associated with *The Boy: A Novel* content conveys prospect easily to understand by a lot of people. The printed and e-book are not different in the written content but it just different such as it. So , do you nonetheless thinking *The Boy: A Novel* is not loveable to be your top listing reading book?

#### **France Brown:**

Reading can called mind hangout, why? Because when you find yourself reading a book specifically book entitled *The Boy: A Novel* your thoughts will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in every single aspect that maybe mysterious for but surely can become your mind friends. Imaging every single word written in a publication then become one type conclusion and explanation in which maybe you never get before. The *The Boy: A Novel* giving you yet another experience more than blown away your mind but also giving you useful facts for your better life in this particular era. So now let us present to you the relaxing pattern is your body and mind will likely be pleased when you are finished reading it, like winning a sport. Do you want to try this extraordinary wasting spare time activity?

#### **Sabrina King:**

Reading a book being new life style in this calendar year; every people loves to read a book. When you go through a book you can get a great deal of benefit. When you read ebooks, you can improve your knowledge, because book has a lot of information on it. The information that you will get depend on what sorts of book that you have read. In order to get information about your analysis, you can read education books, but if you want to entertain yourself look for a fiction books, such us novel, comics, and also soon. The *The Boy: A Novel* will give you new experience in reading a book.

#### **Robert Denney:**

As a college student exactly feel bored for you to reading. If their teacher asked them to go to the library or make summary for some e-book, they are complained. Just tiny students that has reading's soul or real their leisure activity. They just do what the teacher want, like asked to the library. They go to there but nothing reading critically. Any students feel that reading is not important, boring in addition to can't see colorful

photographs on there. Yeah, it is being complicated. Book is very important in your case. As we know that on this age, many ways to get whatever we wish. Likewise word says, ways to reach Chinese's country. Therefore this The Boy: A Novel can make you really feel more interested to read.

**Download and Read Online The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro  
#NTVK7LR132I**

## **Read The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro for online ebook**

The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro books to read online.

### **Online The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro ebook PDF download**

**The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro Doc**

**The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro Mobipocket**

**The Boy: A Novel By Lara Santoro EPub**