

Success Not So Sweet

The End of Boys takes no prisoners with its gritty, entrancing realism

Addiction memoirs can be painfully boring. Bad life, drugs, quick happy, bad crash, recovery, happy again forever. It's the same structure. Every time.

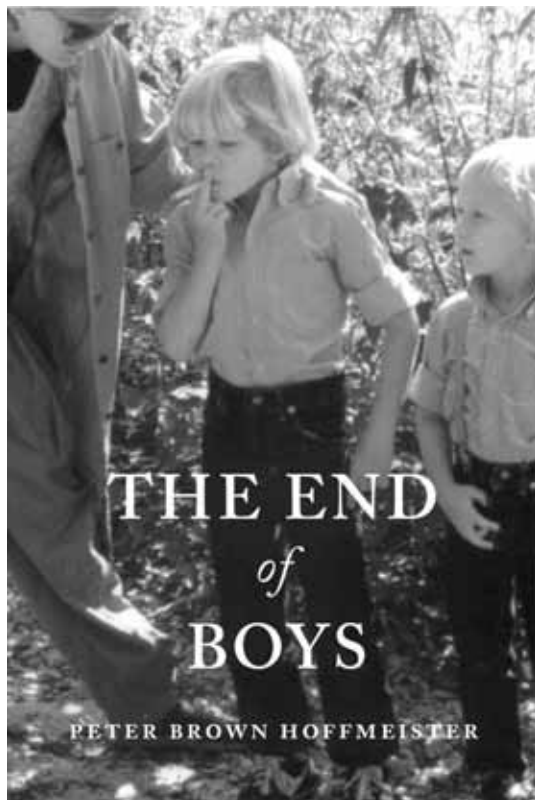
What first grabs you about Peter Brown Hoffmeister's memoir *The End of Boys* are the details. The casual mention within the first three paragraphs of the voice the author hears in his head. The intelligent, deliberate description of the taste of a gun barrel. The tactfully worded insecurity he feels about his 5'2" frame at the age of 14. The details come hard, grabbing hold of your brain and refusing to let go.

Hoffmeister doesn't write like a classic "reformed addict," but rather like those young kids with the wandering eyes you see wearing hoodies and baseball caps at the bus station. He writes with no self-pity, no psychobabble about the roots of his mental state during whatever period of turmoil he's currently digging himself out of. The author's Eugene background is evident in his pacing and delivery (yes, there is indeed a Eugene style of speaking). All together, it makes for a chilling and captivating read.

Hoffmeister gives us the man behind the hoodie — and it's a doozy of a portrait. His father is depicted as a combination god and fury, trying to make his son succeed even if it kills him. Especially if it kills him. His mother needs personal validation so badly it leads her to both child abuse and European art. His sister loses herself to the conservative Christianity community, alienating her dropout brother even further from the family. All the while, the author's impossibly charming younger brother jumps off the deep end, seeking redemption from any other source but home.

Hoffmeister rebels against such madness (as expected), but he tells his tale in a voice that is refreshingly new. He is no blind victim but the master of his fate in every situation. Even in times of intoxication, succumbing to abuse, serving sentences of demerits at a private school, there is a Zen-like serenity and acceptance.

Local readers will enjoy the references to Eugene landmarks, such as Allan Bros. Coffee. But, just like Hoffmeister himself,



the book travels. We head to Texas, New York and all across the American West. His nomadic, factual voice may have taken shape in Eugene, but it doesn't stay there.

The battle at the heart of this memoir is a question posed: What is the definition of success? Throughout his life, Hoffmeister is aggressively pushed to succeed. Get good grades. Go to college. Stay clean. Not bolt. Apologize. As a kid, Hoffmeister wanted to be a good, pleasing son. He mourns before going on a drinking binge, "Nobody noticed when I made good decisions." This is another wonderful characteristic that separates *Boys* from other troubled-childhood memoirs: The author wants to believe in the possibility of something better. He knows there is hope for the future.

"There is no total transformation, but a slow softening," Hoffmeister offers in the memoir's afterward. There's no tada moment of reckoning at the end, no Oedipal killing at the crossroads. Despite all the slings and arrows stinging his soul, unleashed by his own hands or others', Hoffmeister seeks not to succeed or exceed expectations but simply to live. After all, the classic American Dream of white picket fences and 2.5 kids tends to lose its appeal when it's been peddled to you since the age of six.

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tive. DATED and first published: August 11, 2011. Jack A. Gardner, OSB 59035, Of Attorneys for Personal Representative, Gardner, Potter, Budge, Spickard & Cascagnette, 725 Country Club Road, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Telephone: (541)687-9001.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Glenda R. Smith has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Mabel Matilda Huber, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case 50-11-15078. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: August 11, 2011. Glenda R. Smith 3755 Honolulu Avenue Eugene, OR 97404. Tami S.P. Beach 1184 Olive Street Eugene, OR 97401.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR Lane COUNTY Juvenile Department In the Matter of NOAH LEE SPINK, JOSEPH JACK SPINK, LEAH NAOMI SPINK, PAIGE ARIANNA SPINK, WYATT JAMES SPINK, Children. Case No. 10-178J-02. Case No. 10-179J-02. Case No. 10-180J-02. Case No. 10-181J-02. Case No. 10-182J-02. **PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Kelly Katrina Spink.** A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named children for the purpose of placing the children for adoption. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE petition NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF LAST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS, specified herein, admitting or denying the allegations in the petition and informing the court of your current residence address, mailing address and telephone number. YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE MAILED TO The Lane County Juvenile Department, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401. You are further directed to appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND ANY COURT-ORDERED HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated August 2, 2011. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County. Date of first publication: August 18, 2011. Date of last publication: September 1, 2011. **NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY** IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER AS DIRECTED ABOVE, OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named children either ON THE DATE AN ANSWER IS REQUIRED BY THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS** (1) YOU

HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Juvenile Department, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401, phone number 541/682-4754, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE UNDER ORS 419B.918 TO APPEAR BY OTHER MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARINGS(S) IN YOUR PLACE. **PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY** Katherine M. Blaser, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 975 Oak Street, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401. Phone: (541) 686-7973. ISSUED this 9th day of August, 2011. Issued by: Tricia I Gonzalez #072068, Assistant Attorney General.

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