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Michael Thompson, Ph. D is a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families. His areas of expertise include eating disorders, depression, teenage suicide, and social development. As a clinical consultant, Thompson has worked with more than two hundred independent schools across the US and in other countries. He and co-author Dan Kindlon wrote *The New York Times* bestseller, *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys* (Ballantine Books, 1999). He is the author of *Speaking of Boys: Answers to the Most-Asked Questions About Raising Sons* (Ballantine, 2000), and co-author of *Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children*.

A much sought-after speaker, Thompson has appeared on *Oprah*, *20/20*, *The Today Show*, *The Early Show* and *Good Morning America*. Dr. Thompson received his B.A. from Harvard College. He later earned his Masters in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He received his clinical training at the Psychiatric and Psychosomatic Institute of Michael Reese Hospital, where he was a fellow in the Laboratory for Clinical Research and Training in Adolescence. While in Chicago, he taught at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, co-led the anorexia nervosa research lab at Michael Reese Hospital and served as a consultant to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. After moving to Boston, he was for many years a clinical instructor in Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School and a member of the Psychology staff at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center.