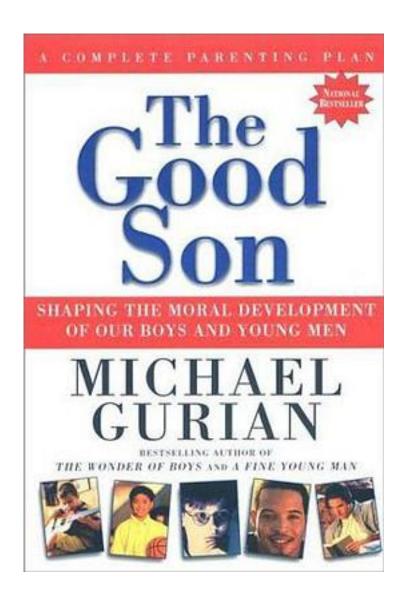
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Chip Mackinnon returns from World War II a changed man. After being shot down over the desert and imprisoned by the enemy, the world of privilege to which he belongs seems shallow. But in the shadow of his older brother's death, the full weight of his father's expectations falls on Chip. Pop Mackinnon—whose money is new but just as good as anyone else's—has designs on the upper echelons of society. The polo ponies and expensive education he bought for his son weren't gifts; they were an investment in the family's future. Now it's time for Chip to pay him back by marrying a girl who can finally bring the Mackinnons into society's inner circle.

A shrewd and cunning man, Pop is used to getting his way—until the arrival of Jean Cooper, that is. This Midwestern beauty awakens Chip's passions, and the two embark on an affair that threatens to destroy Pop's social-climbing plans. A battle of wills between father and son ensues, one that tests the boundaries of their relationship and strays into the place where love turns irrevocably to hate.

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