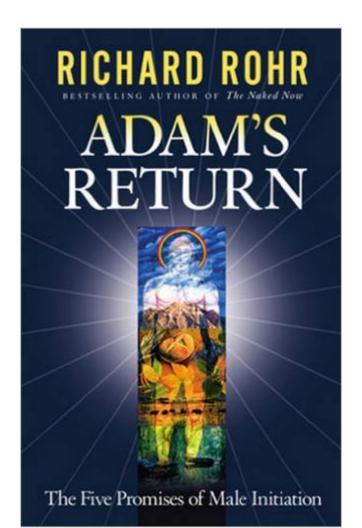
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# Adam's Return: The Five Promises Of Male Initiation





## Synopsis

Based on decades of work, travel, and experience, Rohr, a Franciscan brother and best-selling author, unearths the complexities of male spiritual maturation and helps us to understand the importance of male initiation rights in both culture and the church.

### **Book Information**

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This book is a very biblical analysis of the five promises that God gave to Adam when he left the garden in Genesis 3:17-23. They are:1. Life is hard.2. You are not that important.3. Your life is not about you.4. You are not in control.5. You are going to die. While these may seem harsh, many of the problems that men face in our world stem from the fact that these lessons have never been learned. Our society has not done a good job of passing on these lessons and internalizing them into our young men. I'm sure you can all think of 'adult' men that truly don't measure up to the term 'adult' because they DO have an over-important view of themselves, they DO think that life is all about themselves, and they still have not come to accept the fact of their own death. If you think about it, this is how gangs have been so influential in the lives of young men throughout our society: they HAVE instilled these 5 promises into the psyches of young men. And the young men love them for it. If we could teach our young men these principles, just think how society could benefit from truly mature 'adult' men by the time they leave home.Fr. Rohr then follows up all five principles with promises from the New Testament that will make life a little easier. Or as Jesus said "more abundant." Such as "life is hard" but "my yoke is easy". All very good practical Biblical information. This book is specifically geared toward men. As a physician and someone that deals with lots of psychiatry, I would offer my OPINION that it is because most women have learned all

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