

"Hearn has looked carefully beneath the surface to reveal the complex motivations and conflicts affecting Korean American men. This book will doubtless generate much discussion and needed changes."

—**Ken Fong**, Executive Director, Asian American Initiative, and Assistant Professor of Asian American Church Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA; Senior Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles, USA

"This book is a spiritual resource, a creative, interdisciplinary approach to pastoral theology, and a religious educational tool. It responds to the need for restoring healing and restoration of more just relationships between men and women."

—**Elizabeth Conde-Frazier**, Vice President of Education and Dean of Esperanza College, Eastern University, USA

"Hearn perceptively opens up the deeply buried hurts, wounds, fears, and vulnerabilities of Korean American men. The book thoughtfully presents routes toward lasting healing. I wholeheartedly recommend this book to Korean American pastors and leaders, in addition to non-Korean American church leaders. There are excellent insights here."

—**Andrew Sung Park**, Professor of Theology and Ethics, United Theological Seminary, USA, and author of *Racial Conflict and Healing*

This book explores the ways through which Korean American men demonstrate and navigate their manhood within a US context that has historically sorted them into several limiting, often emasculating, stereotypes. In the US, Korean men tend to be viewed as passive, nonathletic, and asexual (or hypersexual). They are often burdened with very specific expectations that run counter to traditional tropes of US masculinity. This book probes the lives of Korean American men through the lenses of religion and sports. Though these and other outlets can serve to empower Korean American men to resist historical scripts that limit their performance of masculinity, they can also become harmful. Mark Chung Hearn utilizes ethnography, participant observation, and interviews conducted with second-generation Korean American men to explore what it means to be an Asian American man today.

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