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Making Girls and Boys: Inside the Science of Sex

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UNSW Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Making Girls and Boys: Inside the Science of Sex, Jane McCredie, What is it that makes a person a boy or a girl? From our cradles to our graves, a pair of letters, either XX or XY, will define much of our lives. "It's a girl!" or "It's a boy!" will be the first label applied to us, the first thing said about who we are as an individual. For every person in every society, gender has a fundamental affect on what we choose, how we live, and how we think about the world and how the world sees us. Sex is one of the most powerfully defining concepts that we have. Of course, we assume that we know what this gender thing is: boys are boys, girls are girls. Sex is fixed, biologically determined, simple. But what if it isn't? As Jane McCredie moves from laboratories to cafe tables, trying to find out exactly what sex is, the picture becomes much more complicated. Evolutionary psychologists, trans-gendered people, children playing with trucks and dolls, hormone specialists - they all have different stories to tell about what makes us girls and boys. These...



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