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# The American Man At Age 10 (Singles Classic)

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**The American  
Man at Age 10**

Susan Orlean  
*Esquire, December 1992*



## Synopsis

He is old enough to begin imagining that he will someday get married, but at ten he is still convinced that the best thing about being married will be that he will be allowed to sleep in his clothes. His father once observed that living with Colin was like living with a Martian who had done some reading on American culture. As it happens, Colin is not especially sad or worried about the prospect of growing up, although he sometimes frets over whether he should be called a kid or a grown-up; he has settled on the word kid-up. In her classic 1992 Esquire cover story, *The American Man at Age Ten*, bestselling author Susan Orlean takes readers inside the mind of an ordinary 10-year-old boy and attempts to see the world the way he sees it: short on girls but full of pizza, candy, and Nintendoâ "and shot through with the fleeting magic of childhood. *The American Man at Age Ten* was originally published in Esquire, December 1992. Cover design by Adil Dara.

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I have a 10 yr old boy. Beyond the article description I didn't glean insights into his world. Basic observation gives me what this article offers.

Well worth reading, especially if you've wondered what goes on in their heads. I definitely have. I enjoyed it thoroughly.

Puts life into perspective. This book made me realize how fast I have grown up and how much I miss being free (a kid)

Nice and quick little read. It really captured the imagination of a tenacity of any 10 year old little boy

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