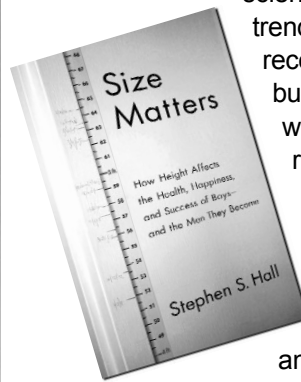




Size Matters:

How Being Physically Different Is a Big Deal

Stephen S. Hall, author of *Size Matters: How Height Affects the Health, Happiness, and Success of Boys—and the Men They Become* (Houghton Mifflin Co. 2006), will discuss the importance of physical size in the psychological development of children. Hall, an award-winning science writer, will describe the surprising origins of the growth chart, how size at birth increases the risk of serious disease decades later, and why the adolescent growth spurt is one of the most important passages in a person's life. Citing both personal experience and recent scientific studies, he also analyzes recent trends in the use of growth hormone, recounts his childhood experiences of bullying, and suggests why parents may want to raise their sons to be dancers rather than alpha males.



For twenty-five years Stephen S. Hall has written about the intersection of science and society in books, magazine articles, and essays. Between 1997 and 2000, Hall served as an editor of the *New York Times Magazine* as well as a Contributing Writer, and has published numerous cover stories for the *Magazine*. His previous books include *Merchants of Immortality: Chasing the Dream of Human Life Extension* (2003), *A Commotion in the Blood: Life, Death, and the Immune System* (1997), *Mapping the Next Millennium: How Computer-Driven Cartography Is Revolutionizing the Face of Science* (1992), and *Invisible Frontiers: The Race to Synthesize a Human Gene* (1987). All four titles were acknowledged as a "Notable Book of the Year" by the *New York Times Book Review*.



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Friday, March 2, 2007 ■ 5-7 PM

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Admission is free. Seating is limited.

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