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Powerless (Supers Of Noble's Green)



Synopsis

Superheroes soar in this promising debut—and they are kids! Twelve-year-old Daniel, the new kid in town, soon learns the truth about his nice—but odd—new friends: one can fly, another can turn invisible, yet another controls electricity. Incredible. The superkids use their powers to secretly do good in the town, but they are haunted by the fact that the moment they turn thirteen, their abilities will disappear—along with any memory that they ever had them. Is a memory-stealing supervillain sapping their powers? The answers lie in a long-ago meteor strike, a World War II-era comic book (Fantastic Futures, starring the first superhero, Johnny Noble), the green-flamed Witch Fire, a hidden Shroud cave, and—possibly, unbelievably—“powerless” regular-kid Daniel himself. Superhero kids meet comic book mystery in this action-filled debut about the true meaning of a hero. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 5—When Daniel Corrigan and his family move to Noble's Green, he notices that some of the kids there seem rather odd. After one of them miraculously saves his life,

they admit that they have superpowers, but that they come with a price. They will lose them, and all memory of ever having them, when they turn 13. Because Daniel is the only one without these talents who knows about them, it becomes clear that he must find out who or what is sapping his friends' unusual abilities. Eric, their leader, believes that the secret lies in a series of old comics about a superhero named Johnny Noble, but Daniel's investigation reveals a far more sinister and dangerous villain, and the children must somehow defeat this monster. This book is a loving tribute to comic books and superhero stories. It starts out slow, but gradually gains a momentum that leads to a genuinely affecting conclusion. This is definitely a good pick for reluctant readers. --Tim Wadham, St. Louis County Library, MO Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"In a wholly satisfying debut, Cody tackles themes of heroism, sacrifice and coming-of-age, as played out in a comic book-inspired good vs. evil scenario. . . . It all comes together in a tightly woven narrative characterized by a persuasive premise, memorable characters, a bit of intrigue and a sense of wonder." --Publishers Weekly "A mystery and adventure treat for middle-school boys, who will clamor for a sequel." --Booklist "Cody's debut novel pays homage to the great Golden Age comics at every turn . . . the mystery surrounding the origins of the superpowers adds a bit of intrigue, giving this satisfying and genre-blending read a broad appeal." --The Bulletin --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Powerless is the first book and Super is the second book of this delightful duology by Matthew Cody. The town of Nobles Green was visited by a mysterious glowing green meteorite many years ago. Since then, the children of that little town often get super-powers, only to lose them when they turn 13. Our protagonist, Daniel, is not a native to the little village, so has not super-powers, but quickly gets enmeshed into the fun, duties, trials and tribulations of being a Super- even when you're not old enough to stay up to watch the 10 o'clock news. Daniel does have a nose for mystery and some common sense, and these two abilities leads him to try and find out why his friends all lose their powers- and memories- when they hit thirteen. But Daniel is not prepared for the danger and deeper mysteries behind the truth. Fun & a nice fast read, suitable for any reader over nine, and fun for us older sorts, too.

Excellent hard cover book!

Matthew Cody has crafted a world that will appeal to young and old readers alike. As I was reading it (I enjoyed it so much I finished the book in one night)I was reminded of how the first Harry Potter book really hooked me by drawing me back to the bygone days of my youth. Who wouldn't have enjoyed growing up in magical world of wizards, witches, and monsters, or in Cody's equally interesting world of mysterious glowing meteorites, multiple secret generations of kid superheroes, and a diabolical supervillain?If you or your children enjoyed the Harry Potter books, I highly recommend Powerless. Powerless is a great stand alone story but Cody leaves ample hooks that could be developed into a very engaging series of stories over time. If you are younger and enjoy superheroes (or even older but still look back fondly on the days of running around the backyard with a towel cape tied to your neck)give this book a read. I doubt you will be disappointed.

This book is a really good book for 9-10. This book is amazing and so nice written and so many people love. This story is about flying mostly and you will learn about it more and more. Be shore to read the other two books of Daniel and his friends. This is a story that you will read over and over. You can't get your head out of the book. I hope you will give this book a shot.By Clara

I don't know too much about this book. This author visited the middle school in the district where I work. I was able to get a copy of his book. My 5th graders LOVE it. My copy was passed around many many times. All of them then ended up going on to read Super, the follow up!

I found this book while searching for chapter books to read to my 8yr old at night.It is a very interesting story concept. Not one you see very often in children's books. Every chapter is just the right length for a nightly read because you don't want to stop reading before the chapter is over.This book does a great job of telling the story of children dealing with the ins and out of being a superhero and the responsibility that comes with it.I recommend it for children and adults alike.

My daughter was reading this book and she surprised me by reading and finishing this book on the weekend. I would definitely recommend this book to everyone. Powerless can be happy,sad,and even scary. My son who is 8 stopped reading his Big Nate book to read Powerless! What a surprise! They both love Powerless and so do I !!!!!!!!!!!

Our children (boy - 10 and girl - 9) read the this book and the sequel in this series called "Super"

and loved it. This was a book selected by our school district for "Battle of the Books". As a parent supervising a team, I read the book and found it to be well written and interesting enough for me to truly enjoy. Can't go wrong with this book!

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