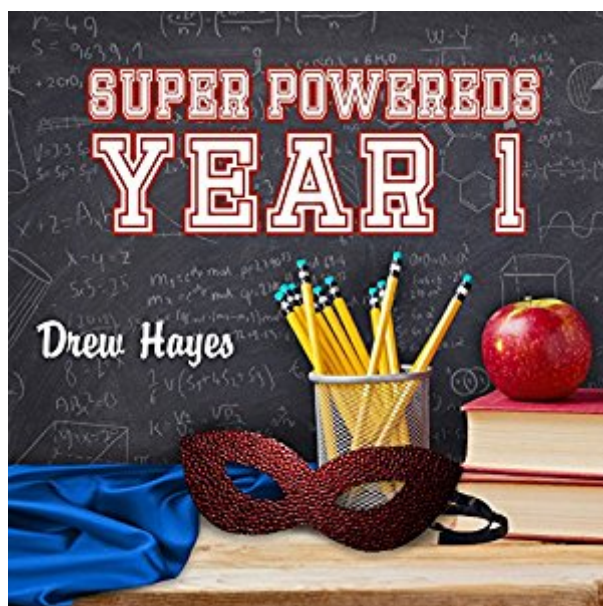


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Synopsis

Knowledge is power. That would be the motto of Lander University, had it not been snatched up and used to death by others long before the school was founded. For while Lander offers a full range of courses to nearly all students, it also offers a small number of specialty classes to a very select few. Lander is home to the Hero Certification Program, a curriculum designed to develop students with superhuman capabilities, commonly known as Supers, into official Heroes. Five of this year's freshmen are extra special. They have a secret aside from their abilities - one that they must guard from even their classmates. For every one person in the world with abilities they can control, there are three who lack such skill. These lesser super beings - Powered, as they are called - have always been treated as burdens and second-class citizens. Though there has been ample research in the area, no one has ever succeeded in turning a Powered into a regular human, let alone a Super. That is, until now....

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Customer Reviews

I'm terrible at talking about what I *like* about a book. What works for me depends a lot on what I'm in the mood to be reading. I am usually much more clear about what I don't like, so I want to preface this review with two statements: 1. Yes, there are still plenty of proofreading errors throughout the book. (As of when I picked it up in late November 2013.) 2. I checked the book out for free as a Prime member, and then bought it and the sequel. And, I think that sums up my feelings about the book pretty concisely if you don't want to read further. Knowing that this book started as an episodic

web enterprise goes a long way to explaining what I consider the two biggest problems with the story: the pacing is poor and the writing is not as lean as it might otherwise be. This *feels* like an outstanding second draft of a NaNoWriMo project that needed one or two more go-rounds with the editing pen to trim some of the scenes that don't add substantially to the overall plot. One of the positives of the episodic writing is that you spend a lot of time with the characters. The downside is that there's little economy of phrasing. Combat scenes take up multiple chapters, and it feels like watching Yu Gi Oh (or, for the older readers, the current season of How I Met Your Mother): lots of words, little forward motion of the story. In addition, the stakes don't exist until you get to the very last 10-15% of the story when something occurs that had no foreshadowing at all. I believe the tension of discovery of what makes the kids "special" is supposed to be there, but I never felt it. SpoilerNotSpoiler: when the outing occurs, it's not even the biggest news on the page. The story was a slog to get into.

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