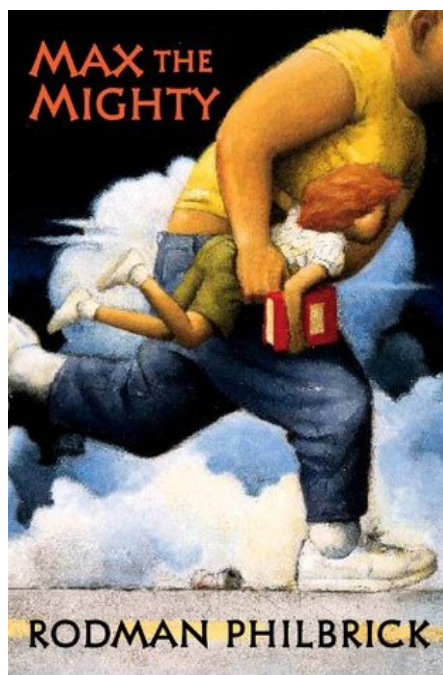




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## Max the Mighty Details

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## From Reader Review Max the Mighty for online ebook

### Josiah says

I could hardly imagine a sequel even being in the same ballpark as Freak the Mighty, but this book was all that and more.

Rodman Philbrick is simply a brilliant writer, taking me as the reader on more twists and turns than I could ever have imagined. The characters in Max the Mighty are as sharply realized as any in all of literature, and the pacing remains consistently of a superior quality throughout the entire book. It mystifies me that Rodman Philbrick has never even had a Newbery Honor book.

I love this story; not quite as much as Freak the Mighty, but to even be in the discussion means that this book affected me very profoundly, and left an indelible and totally original impression in my mind. I would recommend this story of so much depth to anyone.

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### Mrs. Wegener says

Liked: Similarities between Max & Worm, the mentions of Kevin (especially with the tadpole), the new characters introduced, all the adventure & cliffhangers

Dislikes: Max's low self-esteem was overkill; didn't he gain any from all the events in the first book? Also, I didn't like how intense the rising action came so quickly; I wanted just a little more build up.

I wish there was a third novel about all these characters.

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### Mckayc says

Max Kane is a boy who has been through a lot in life he has lost his mom and his dad is a murderer who is in jail and he lost his best friend from a disease in his legs and now he is faced with the challenge of trying to run from the cops who are after him for kidnapping a girl that has a step dad

that beats on her mom and then forces her to lie to the police. the whole time he runs from the police and the girls step father they keep on meeting kind people and keep getting help but then things go wrong and they all have to leave each other and then they get a 10,000 dollar reward on them for information on where they are and so max and worm who is the little girl are trying to find worms real dad to get help and proof to get them out of trouble. I really like this book because it has a very good message that there are lots of nice people in the world that are just around the corner and can be friendly and helpful no matter the problem. "joe fluffs up his canvas bag like its a pillow" that is a simile. it looks kind of hot and melted as if i am looking back in time. that is a simile. shes tugging my ear so hard it almost comes off, that is hyperbole.

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### Kendall says

This is the sequel to the book by the same author, Freak the Mighty. I didn't really care for Freak the Mighty that much, but this has made some improvements. The organization of the paragraphs has been better used even though the storyline is of the same theme. One thing I also liked about this is the wild, imaginative adventure it contains. It reminds me of adventures I used to think of happening when I was a young child. I

do admit Freak the Mighty REALLY didn't need a sequel, but this was definitely a good attempt for one happening as bizarre as it is. I sensed the heroism and chemistry between Max and Worm (Rachel) and knew that they'd make a great couple (not implying romantically). Sure, Freak and Max were cool buddies, but Worm and Max are forever loved.

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### **Steven Ciervo says**

In Max The Mighty by Rodman Philbrick, Max, the main protagonist, travels with Worm, another main protagonist, to try and find Worm's dad. They are searching for her real dad because of her Stepfather, the Undertaker, being very abusive to her and her real mom. When Max goes and captures Worm to protect her, the Undertaker send police to track and try to find/arrest Max, even though Max was doing the right thing and making the right choices.

I liked this book a lot because of it being a thrilling, surprise ending book that makes the reader turn the pages fast to the next, making the reader addicted to the novel. The feeling the reader gets after reading multiple chapters in this book is great because it gives a feeling of success since the chapters are shorter than average chapters.

The only nocks I would give on this book is that the chapters might be too short, making the reader read too fast and that the book is sometimes repetitive. Also, this book could get confusing if you have not read the prequels of it, as this book makes references to its prequel, Freak The Mighty.

Overall, I liked this book a lot, as it was the sequel to Freak The Mighty and had a majority of the same characters as Freak The Mighty. I would recommend this book to anyone ages 10+ since this book could get confusing at some parts, and because I don't think little readers would like to sit through some of the boredom of this book. I would rate this book 6 out 10 stars.

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### **Megan Neumann says**

This is an amazing book. Yes, it is a "children's" book, but, I think people of any age can learn from it (and cry about it).

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### **Larissa says**

Max the Mighty the sequel to Freak the mighty revolves around Max and Rachel often referred to as worm, because of her desire to read. Their friendship forms due to Max saving Rachel from her vicious stepfather the undertaker. Max escapes with worm and go on a quest to find her real father. They meet many interesting people on their passage and learn who to trust and who not to. Rachel's internal conflict is where her father lives exactly in Chivalry. Max's internal conflict is that he does not know if he is making the right decision splitting with Rachel due to that having a thousand dollars on his head.

While reading this book I made a text-to-text connection to Freak the mighty. Both stories rotate around making new friends, and going on mysterious adventures. These books both include challenges the characters must face, and ways they confront them.

I would surely give this book 5 stars. It was a heart wrenching tale that will make an impression on all of us. It kept me on the edge of my seat the who time! Young adults will surely love this book.

## Margarita Cruz says

\*\*\*Spoiler Alert\*\*\* Help a kid run away from her parents? Terrible decision isn't it? Well in the novel, Max the Mighty, the sequel to Freak the Mighty, by Rodman Philbrick, many crazy things like this happen. The genre of this book is young adult fiction or realistic fiction. I think Max the Mighty was a great book but, I believe that to be able to understand it, you should certainly read Freak the Mighty first.

Max the Mighty takes place in different places, over several days. At first, it starts in Max's chamber, in his basement. Then, it moves to Max's school. Then, to a highway. And lastly, to a coal mine. At his school he meets a girl whose name is Rachel and goes by the nickname, Worm. Worm and Max become like best friends. Worm has a conflict with her step dad, causing her to runaway with Max. Worms' stepdad lies to the police and says Max kidnapped his daughter, Rachel. Max and Worm are headed to Chivalry, Montana where Worm's dad is located. On their way there they happen to find a retired school teacher, whose name is Dip, willing to take them there. On their way, they find 2 more people and take them along. Before they got to Montana they had to catch another ride. So they got there by train. They ended up at a mine, where Worms' dad works at. There, they see her dad is dead. Then the police arrives with her stepdad. At the end, the mine tumbles down, getting Worm's stepdad trapped. There, he confesses the truth and the police arrests him.

I believe the major theme of this novel is trust and self-reliance. Throughout the story, Max and Worm have to trust many people including themselves. Worm trusted Max to take good care of her and to take her to Chivalry, where her dad was. As you can see, they also trusted Dip to take them to Chivalry. Additionally, Max and Worm had to rely on themselves to get to Chivalry. With trust and self reliance, they were able to get to Chivalry safely. Max thinks of himself as worthless and helpless. Until he meets Worm. After having a whole adventure with her, he feels great to be able to help her. At the end, Max feels strong again as he felt with Kevin. Which is what like about Max, that even though he thought of himself as useless, he stayed strong throughout the story.

I really liked this book. It taught me many stuff, like trust, self reliance, staying strong, and believing in yourself. I was angry at some parts like when Worm's stepdad lied to the police but I was happy that at the end, he got arrested for harming his family and lying. My favorite part was when everything went back to normal and everyone was happy. I can relate to Max because sometimes people can feel sad or useless but never give up. Always stay strong even through most difficult situations. Cause that's what life's about, staying strong.

I really do recommend this book to people of all ages. It is a great book but as I said to understand it, you should read Freak the Mighty first. I give this book a 5 out of 5.

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## Austin H says

It starts off with Max walking the long way home when he hears this girl scream. It turns out the girl had got her backpack stolen from a gang-banger. Her name was worm and she becomes one of the main characters. Her father is abusive witch leads to her and Max running away with a hippie on his bus.

This book has a lot of a thing that is called sensory language. One example of this is on page 1 it says,"...even though I'm a big dude with a face like the moon..." witch is a simile. Also an example of sensory language is on page where it says,"...ear that stick out like radar scoops..." that is an example of imagery. As you can tell it has at least two on the first page

I liked this book because it used a lot of detail. One of my favorite parts was right at the start when max meets worm. I think that the book is very good. I would recommend this book to others.

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### **Brendan says**

I enjoyed "Max The Mighty." It was a follow up book to "Freak The Mighty." It was the most interesting book I've read Rodman Philbrick. It was completely action packed this time plus a little humor. One of the best parts about this book is you never know what is going to happen next.

The story is about how Max runs away with a girl they call "Worm." They call her this since she is obsessed with reading. She lives a bad life with the worst step father you could ever dream of. Her step father who Max calls the Undertaker always beats Worm's mom. But, the Undertaker can't bother Worm if she has her miners hat on. It was her original fathers.

Max originally met Worm after saving her from gang bangers which stole her book. Then the next day he saw her again at the park, after she ran away from home right when the undertaker came to pick her up Worm gave Max a book to read. She also gave him the address to return it. Max just decided to return it, but when he got there Worm's mom was being beaten. She told Max to keep Worm safe, he ran out which is when the goose chase began.

Max and Worm hitch-hiked while trying to stay away from police. A man named Dip picked them up. He was a retired school teacher who wanted to travel the world on a bus with his wife. Sadly his wife passed away right before they started. Now Dip had some company for his journey this is where you open up the book.

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### **Rodrigo says**

it was can be left out from the \_\_\_\_ the Mighty series it was a huge step back as max was a hero when in Freak the mighty HE STILL WASNT EMOTIONALLY TOUGH TO GO ON ONE! im just saying its just a HUGE step back for Philbrick

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### **Alondra Diaz says**

Have you ever been bullied or teased of how you look? Well this story is about have you ever lost someone and now you're left with know one? Well if this is your case then you should read the book called Max the Mighty, written by Rodman Philbrick. This novel is fiction it is a great novel.

In this story you will meet Max which gets teased for being tall and looking like his dad and for not being that smart. Max gets teased because he looks like his dad and his dad is a criminal and is in jail and he doesn't have any friends. Max's only friend he had died so he was left with no one. But one day when Max was walking he heard screaming of a girl but he wanted to avoid to but he couldn't so he went to see who was screaming and he saw a girl was being bullied by boys that were going threw her bookbag. Max goes and tries to help the girl and the kids go way and the girls name is Worm but max wondered why she had a miners hat with her? When Max sees the girl Worm again she's reading and there talking and Worm's mom comes but Worm seems scared to go home because she says there's an "undertaker", but her mom tells her not to say anything and they leave from the park home. One day while Max was going to Worms house he

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hears and sees thru the window of Worms house that her mom and stepdad were discussing and the undertaker starts hitting Worms mom and she's just crying and Worm is just reading with her miners hat. The undertaker opens the door and sees max but Worms mom tells Max to take her and he does and they go hide. The undertaker goes to Max house with the police and acts like if he didn't do anything so then they go on an adventure to go find Worms dad so he can help the with the undertaker.

The theme of story is friendship and respect. In the story it shows a lot true friendship and honesty. For example, when the Max goes to save Worm how worm mom tells Max to go save her and to take her away from the undertaker before he does something bad to her. It shows that Worms mom trusted Max even tho she doesn't really know her. Also worm trusted Max that he will keep her safe even tho she didn't really know him she still felt safe. While the police were on the look for Max and the Worm because the undertaker lied about Max taking the girl away when he didn't they met a few friends! There friends help them and took them too the places they needed to go to find Worms dad. The novel Max have to go threw hard passages to try to get to Worms dad in the story.

My favorite part of the story is when they Max and Worm find where Worms dad died because he was a miner and him and other men died when the building fell. I think it's sad that Worm tries to communicate with her dad even tho he is somewhere else and I think it's also sad that the only thing she might have left of her dad is the miner's hat. Another part I think is sad about this book is towards the end was when the miners building the rest of it is about to fall that Worm runs in where this whole is and Max follows her he thinks she's going to let herself fall down but no Max and Worm pray in that hole where her dad and other works might be and after they pray for her dad she lets the hat that she has as a memory from her dad and Max and Worm watch the hat disappear.

I do think people should read this novel. This is one of the best books I have ever read. In some parts of the story are sad so it might lead to tears. I think that anyone could read this book mostly if you're into adventure. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars.

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## Alma Gonzalez says

**\*\*Spoiler Alert\*\*** If you ever been bullied or teased because of how you look. This story is about losing someone who had a big role in your life. If you've lost someone who who cared about very deeply then this is a book you should read, written by Rodman Philbrick. This is a great novel. In this story you will meet Max which gets teased for being tall and looking like his dad and for not being smart. Max gets bullied for looking like his felon of a father. Max's only friend had died so he was left with no one. One day Max was walking he heard screaming a girl but he wanted to avoid it, but he couldn't ignore it as easily as he wanted to so he went to see who was screaming and he saw a girl that was being bullied by boys that were going to throw her backpack. Max went and tried to help the girl and the kids left and the girls name was Worm. When Max saw the girl again she was reading and talking to her mom but Worm seems scared to go home because she says there's an "undertaker", but her mom tells her not to say anything and they leave the park to go home. One day while Max was passing by Worm's house he heard and saw thru the window of Worm's house her mom and stepdad were discussing and the undertaker starts hitting Worm's mother and she's was crying and Worm was just reading with her miners hat. The undertaker opens the door and sees Max but Worm's mother tells Max to take her so he does and they go hide. The undertaker goes to Max's house with the police and acts as if he didn't do anything. Then they went on an adventure to find Worm's father for help. The theme of story is friendship and respect. In the story it shows a lot true friendship and honesty. For example, when the Max goes to save Worm from the undertaker before he does anything to harm her. It shows that Worm's mom trusted in Max even though she doesn't really know him. Also Worm trusted Max with her own safety. While the police were on the hunt for Max and the Worm because the undertaker lied to the police he said Max took away Worm. The novel Max has to go through difficult measures to try to get to Worm's father. My favorite part of the story is when they Max and Worm find where Worm's father passed away because he was a miner and him and other men passed away as well. Another part I think is sad about

this book is towards the end was when the miners building the rest of it and it's about to fall then Worm runs in a whole and Max follows her thinking that she's going to let herself fall down but she doesn't Max and Worm pray in that hole. I do think people should read this novel. This is one of the best books I have ever read.

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### **Angel says**

I think that Max the Mighty, the sequel to Freak the Mighty, was a very good book. The plot was very enthralling and could keep you interested. When I had seen the cover of the book my first thought that the main character from the first book had moved on in life and had a new friend that was in danger. By reading the book I found that they trying to deliver the girl to her father across the country. My final thoughts are that I think that this book is really good and will keep the attention of anyone that is interested in stories about adventure or is a fan of the first book. This book was a great addition to the series and I hope to read more like it.

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### **Nan Sprester says**

I really liked this sequel to Freak the Mighty but the Walk Too Moons twist with the Worm's father actually being dead felt a little derivative and obvious. Still giving it 4 stars.

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