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Despite having their secret revealed, the residents of Melbrook Hall return to Lander University for another year in the Hero Certification Program. Good thing the focus of this year is teamwork, because with their origins known they'll have to lean on each other more than ever.

Now finally sophomores, their curriculum expands, allowing them to train in the majors that Heroes specialize in. The new classes will test their minds, bodies, and determination in ways never anticipated. In a year filled with the unveiling of secrets, unexpected entanglements, and, of course, super-powered battles, who will be left standing is anyone's guess. Because if all that weren't enough, more light is being shed on last year's kidnapping attempt, and the results point at something far bigger than mere rogue educators.

Something that isn't even close to being over with.

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Superbunny says

My annoyance for Vince just grows more and more each chapter. The day he kills off that character is the day I'll finally give his book/s 5 stars. It's unrealistic poor character development. He basically overdid it just to prove a point. Very amateur.

Jonathan Pettit says

Excellent, superhero fun! Nick, Vince, Mary, Alice, and Hershel / Roy return to the Landers College, Hero Certification Program with their sophomore year. All their friends and most of their enemies are back. The "kids" continue to develop their powers, learning more things about themselves. Yes, the book is long (but not as long as books 3 and 4) but it doesn't feel that way. The flow is great, a "fast" read (like a pulp novel), always full of action and enough secrets to keep you guessing. The series is great, I will continue to read, though the future book length is daunting. Excellent narration by Kyle McCarley for the audible version.

Samantha says

4.5 stars.

I got completely invested in this book...

Meran Rhodes says

This book suffered pretty much all the same standard issues as the first book but going into it expecting that, it didn't bother me nearly as much. I already liked the characters and the world so that helped me ignore and enjoy. It's a fun, light-hearted read with a fun concept, an interesting cast and a story that moves it along. Totally worth the time if, as a reader, you can get over the mistakes Drew Hayes seems to think are below fixing but if you are a perfectionist then it may really not be your book.

Also I am still impressed with Kyle McCarley as a narrator for this series. There is such a huge cast of voices and he really does an amazing job not doubling up hardly ever. I was a bit hesitant at first but McCarley has been winning me over one hour at a time. I am quite impressed.

Steven Naylor says

Rating 5.0 stars

I loved this book. Sometimes I overthink my ratings and try to justify what I feel with what I think, or vice versa. Rating this book 5 stars does not mean I think this is a great literary work of art. Sometimes I rate books on their quality, and sometimes I rate them on how how much I like them. Those two are are not always the same. I have the same opinion about movies. I can appreciate a movie like Schindler's list as

being a great work of art. However, I am much more likely to watch Die Hard for the 20th time because of how much I like it. A movie like Shawshank redemption would be the best of both worlds. This book absolutely falls into the "Die Hard" category. It is not a great work of art, but I loved it. I listened to the audiobook (which is 31 hours long) and I finished it in only 5 days (which is more than 6 hours of listening each day). Once I realized that, my rating was a no brainer.

I was surprised at how much I loved this book. I really liked the first book but there were things that I thought could make it better. For the most part, everything I was hoping the author would change from the first book was addressed in this book. It was like the author read my review from the first book and decided to make changes based on that review (wouldn't that be awesome if something like that could actually happen).

There are many reasons that I liked this book so much better than the first one. I was very comfortable with all the characters that I liked from the first book. I thought they were kind of simplistic in the first book, but I still liked them. In this book, there was more depth of the characters. We find out more about each characters back story and the motivations that made them the way they are. This did not make the characters complex or anything, but it did add just enough of a different dimension to make me more interested. The first book was fun, this was fun and interesting.

Secondly, the Powers were expanded. I felt in the first book that there was not enough explanation about the power. Mainly with Vince, and Alice's powers. I had suspicions in the first book the extent of each person's powers and how they worked, but it was not addressed as in depth as I would have wanted. My suspicions were correct, and while this book still did not go into great detail again with how each power worked, there was more than in the first book.

Thirdly, the story. The first book was mainly about a bunch of kids with superpowers going to College and learning how to be heroes. For the most part that is all that happened. The kids went to training, the went to parties and they went to class. Rinse and repeat. There wasn't anything grand or complex with the story. While this was a fun read, I would not call it a great read. This book however, immediately had more substance in the fact that everyone now knows that the group of Nick, Alice, Roy, Mary, and Vince used to be "powered". They have to deal with the prejudice of being different. They have to deal with their friends, who they lied to all year. They also have to deal with the people that are no longer their friends, as well as the people who didn't like them in the first place. Again, this part of the story isn't too in depth but it does add much more dimension to the story. Also, there is more to the overall story and not just what is going on at the college. We find out more about Vince's dad, about why Mary was kidnapped and why (though not completely).

The training in this book was more about team work instead of individual training. This involved more of a strategic aspect than the first book as well, which again added another dimensional layer to the story. Each person builds on his own power and has a specific role in the team. I think Nick was at the same time the most interesting character, as well as the one I least understood. In my opinion I could not understand his motivation for being at the College. He is one of the only characters I felt did not grow at all with his powers or his skill. His non superpowered skill was so amazing that I was left to wonder why he started in the program to begin with and what he expected to get out of his time there.

Again, I loved this book and I am planning on starting the next audiobook right away.

Becky says

Love the story, love the characters, sick to death of the weird attributions. You know what I mean: he stipulated, she affirmed, he expostulated, etc. Seriously, if I were reading and not listening, it wouldn't bother me so much, but in the audio version it's beyond painful. However, once you get past that weird verbal tic, the book is a heck of a lot of fun. My only other concern is the length. A LOT of stuff happens over the course of the year/book, do we really need to hear about all of it? Some tightening and editing would have made this a five star book for me. Happy to head off and start the even longer third book now, so obviously the quality shines through anyway.

Carla Enright says

SUCH a fabulous series.

I was at the edge of my seat for so much of the book.

I love the characters so much. I swear this series just works so well for me.

Part of the reason I love sci-fi and fantasy stories so much is that you can then put every other genre into those stories. This book is an excellent example of that. It doesn't incorporate EVERY single genre, but it has a beautiful blend of different genres, as well as light and dark.

I enjoyed this book much more than the last, but I suspect that primarily has to do with the fact that I know the characters better. I tend to find that when I reread a series, I love it puts my thoughts into perspective as to which books I prefer.

In this book, they also focus on the challenges that the characters need to complete, and this was one of my favourite parts. I'm now able to understand people who yell at the tv while watching sports better. During those challenges, I wanted to shout and cheer. Even on the re-read, I felt giddy reading those scenes.

I highly recommend this book to everyone.

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Re-read 2017

Anirudh says

The writing is definitely better in this one and the story becomes more interesting and intriguing.

Melyna says

This series just keeps getting better. I love it. Even the part(s) that about broke my heart.

Reading Corpies before I settle into Year 3. Very curious about Titan.

Started re-listening to the series. Started book Two October 08, 2017.

I love this series! The second time listening was even better and I picked up on things I missed the first time. This series is a source of great discussion with my enabler extraordinaire, Janice. I can't wait for book four to come out!

Mike (the Paladin) says

You know...I think I've enjoyed every book I've read by Drew Hayes. I snapped this one up as soon as it came out (at Audible). I also plan to do that with *Year Three* (if at all possible and assuming I'm alive and solvent of course).

We follow our Powered: who have become Supers into their next year at college and face the trials, tribulations and even bigotry that must be faced.

I like it and I recommend it.

Liana says

This book flowed much better than the first. High-pace, developing characters, and a few laughs along the way made for very entertaining reading. However, one of the main protagonists is showing so little character development that sympathy for the character is hard to feel. Plus, often Hayes tries to be overly witty with descriptive metaphors, similes, etc, that either do not make any sense or fall very flat and show immaturity in writing that has been edited out of his more recent books. This may come from the way the book was initially written and published on the internet. In other words, there's a bit of word vomit.

If you're looking for other Hayes books, Fred the Vampire series is amazing as well as Pears and Perils. And the Superpowered spinoff Corpies is really incredible.

Leslie says

I listened to the audio and so first off I'd like to say this narrator is spectacular! One of the best I've ever had the pleasure to listen to.

Drew Hayes writes characters that you will love, you can relate to, and you watch grow. This is not a common thing in books today. Far too many books have characters that are overly flawed and that you can't stand and that never grow over multiple books.

The stories grow with the characters and you wait on the edge of your seat to see what will happen next. Read these books. I wish I'd had these books when I was younger I think they will open a whole new world of reading to younger people and they are well written enough to draw anyone of any age. From his NPC series for fantasy geeks, his Fred the Vampire Accountant books for Horror geeks, and this series for the superhero geeks he has something for anyone to love.

Thomas Cardin says

Damn. Now I am gonna go into withdraws. The shakes are already starting.

I have been searching a long time for brilliant super hero books and I found them with Drew Hayes Super Powered. These are brilliant and fun. The characters are deep and fleshed out, yet we only see a tantalizing

bit of what makes each of them tick. That is because EVERYONE'S motivations and goals are in question.

Who is really cut out to be a hero? Who is learning to be a hero for the right reasons? Who is at Lander University for the wrong reasons?

There are some real mover and shaker beings behind the scenes, and in this, the second book of a wonderful series, we start to see their shadows looming over everything we believe to be real.

I want to know so very much more about this world of superheroes, its history and its extent, its shadowy corporations and its elite heroes. The reason I want to know more is because on every level, its characters are brilliant and very human drama unfolds from their every movement.

I am going to go out on a limb as say that Nick Campbell deserves his own series, and despite the events at the end of this story, he is far from out of the picture.

Awesome job, Drew. Give us more!

Judy Hall says

The Melbrook crew has been outed as former powered, but they've come back for Sophomore year. Things are different now. They've lost some friends. They've strengthened other friendships. Sophomore year lets them stretch out and learn about their powers and about the kinds of things they need to know to be heroes.

I really like the first book. I loved the second book.

I have some quibbles. The story expanded to give us glimpses of many of the students outside of Melbrook, as well as many of the teachers/adults around them. It made the story a little more sprawling and a little less focused. But I loved all of the characters, so learning more about them was great, but it was a little hard to keep up with all of them. Especially the ones who just pop up to remind you they still exist.

That's even harder when you're doing it as an audiobook. It's harder (impossible) to look back to remind yourself who someone is and how they fit in.

Story-line, several things moved in directions I liked. I haven't decided how I feel about the ending, but the set-up for the next round has me very excited.

Miles says

4.25?
