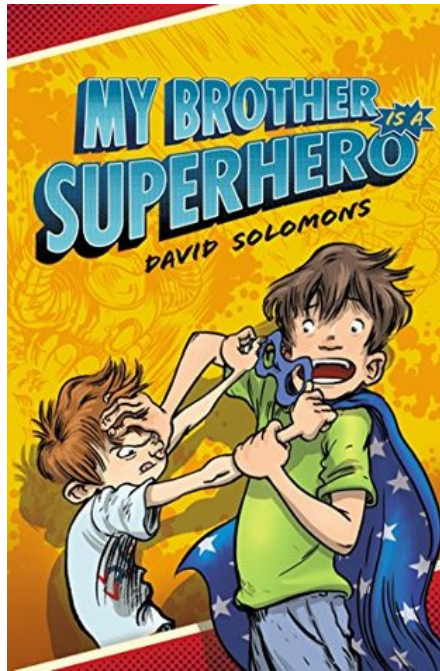




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Behind every great superhero is a very angry younger brother.

Luke Parker was just your average comic book fan until his boring, teacher's pet, helps-old-ladies-across-the-street brother Zack got turned into a superhero. Luke can't believe the unfairness of it all—*he's* the one with the encyclopedic knowledge of everything from Ant-Man to Wolverine! At least he can help Zack—aka Star Guy—with all the important parts of becoming a superhero, like using his newfound powers and deciding whether or not to wear a cape.

But when Star Guy gets into super-size trouble, it's up to Luke—and his intrepid neighbor, Lara—to rescue his big brother and, with a little luck, help him save the world.

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From Reader Review My Brother Is a Superhero for online ebook

Robin Stevens says

Super-smart, super-funny and superheroic, this is a deserving Waterstones Prize winner. I loved it!

Mrs G says

This has been on my TBR pile for ages and I kept putting it off as there were always other books that appealed to me more. I don't know what I was expecting but I loved this book! (Wish I'd picked it up sooner) VERY funny (without being silly) and an exciting plot that keeps you hooked. This book would be perfect for any 9ish plus comic book/superhero fans: I can think of several I shall be thrusting it upon! I need to look up David Solomons' other books.

Miss Cleveland says

I picked this up with a couple of reluctant readers in mind, thinking it would be one of those books that while personally, I didn't really enjoy, would be great for them. How wrong was I?

Sharp humour, comic plot devices stand-ups would be proud of, great characterisation, and references to comics and TV from my childhood made this a really enjoyable read.

Luke is a massive comic book fan and dreams of being a Superhero. While he nips out of the tree house for a wee, his studious, maths loving brother, Zack, is given superpowers instead, as Nemesis is coming and two worlds need saving. How unfair!

Zack knows nothing about Superheroes or how to be one, so Luke sets out to train him, making him a sigil from one of mum's brooches and a cape using the curtain from the downstairs loo.

As Lara (Luke's not-girlfriend-friend) hunts to discover the identity of Bromley's real life superhero, Luke does everything in his notsuperpower to stop her.

And when Zack is kidnapped while his powers are down, it turns to Luke and his friends to save him, and the world.

Looking forward to getting this onto my bookshelf.

Great for fans of Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, action, humour and Superheroes.

Duncan Wilson says

LOVED IT!!

I think this will be as much a fun for adults as children.

Great Cover and illustrations by Laura Ellen Anderson.

There is some great dialogue. Here are a few of my faves:

“”the first rule of a superhero: you can’t go round using your powers for vegetable preparation”

“One does not simply walk into a heavily fortified secret volcano headquarters “

Loved the main characters: Luke Parker is a great character and whilst making some flawed decisions is well meaning and a person that has many positive traits

As for Zack ... I think a lot of people will relate to their relationship and I like how the story brought them closer.

I also liked the alliterative name of Lara Lee, which is typical of old comics – Lois Lane, Peter Parker, Bruce Banner etc.

And Serge...great comic relief and a very memorable character ?

I also recognized several geeky references including ZARDOZ – yes the John Borman sci flick based of THE WIZARD OF OZ with Sean Connery with a pony tale and a red nappy!

I’m sure no kid will get this or even some adults but I’m glad it’s there ?

I hope someone picks up the film rights to this. Would be a brilliant British family film ?

Maria Espadinha says

Esta história começa assim:

“O meu irmão é um super-herói, e eu também podia ser, mas tive de ir fazer chichi.”

E prossegue cheia de imaginação e humor:

“Às vezes, para mudar todo o curso da nossa vida, bastam cinco palavrinhas.

— Tenho de ir fazer chichi.”

“Quando a mãe me disse que eu precisava de uns sapatos ortóticos , fiquei todo animado. É que, pelo nome, achei que tinham que ver com uma armadura de energia dum supersoldado.”

“Entre todas as coisas que eu não suporto no meu irmão mais velho, esta de me chamar «criança» é a número quarenta e sete”

“O Zack vai começar uma grande viagem! — anunciou o pai.

— Fixe! Posso ficar com o quarto dele?”

“Não é esse tipo de viagem — explicou o pai com um suspiro de cansaço. — Vai passar por uma coisa a que se chama «puberdade».”

“Por isso, quando o Zack me disse, na casa da árvore, que alguma coisa tinha mudado, eu sabia exatamente o que havia de responder:”

“Lamento dizer-te, mas deves estar com puberdade!”

“Superpoderes? — Cruzei os braços”

“Não é justo! Porque é que és tu que tens superpoderes? Tu que nem sequer lês BD!”

“Dois universos? Tu tens de salvar dois universos? — Típico! O meu irmão não se contentava com salvar só um. Tem sempre de fazer mais do que é preciso. — Mas porquê tu? — gemi”

“Até ali, a história mais emocionante que o Zack alguma vez me contou tinha que ver com um corte de cabelo que saiu mal e um chiuaua.”

“Não é assim que se escolhe um salvador da humanidade. No mínimo, tem de haver uma profecia escrita num livro antigo.”

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E pronto! Chega! Não vá eu entusiasmar-me e transcrever o livro todo!...

Desta vez optei por presentear-vos com este conjunto de citações que certamente falarão mais alto que qualquer parecer que eu possa transmitir.

Para finalizar, só me resta um conselho: leiam e divirtam-se!

Nota: em português o livro intitula-se "O meu Irmão é um Super-Herói".

Jenn - WebbWeaver Reviews says

From the kids I read to at school - "It's very good, interesting and very funny. It's creative and we can't wait to see what happens next all the time."

Jan Kjellin says

Har haft denna som högläsningssbok för åttaåringen i väntan på att nästa "Trädkoje-bok" ska bli ledig på biblioteket. Måhända är han (8-åringen) inte lika insatt i superhjältevärlden som huvudpersonen Luke, men ändå tillräckligt för att uppskatta de flesta passningarna och - man får väl ändå kalla dem de "interna skämten".

Den är rolig, men ibland tappar just skämten lite stuns i högläsningsformatet, känner jag. Särskilt då mycket av den sker i dialogform och lätt känns lite för babblig/ordrik. Men å andra sidan vänder det på slutet och blir om inte blodisande spännande, så ändå lite "kniven mot strupen"-allvarligt och rent apokalyptiskt. Vi läste två kapitel i stöten de sista kvällarna.

Sammanfattningsvis en på det stora hela taget bra blandning av humor, action och spänning. Mycket uppskattad av 8-åringen (han hade nog satt en femma om han fått bestämma) och den lika serietidnings- och superhjalteäskande, högläsande pappan.

Nu ska jag genast googla fram om det finns en fortsättning!

Matt Woods says

I brought this book because the cover captured my artistic eye; I felt an urge of certainty that even if the story was terrible, it would look amazing on my bookshelf. However, I wanted to hold the book and turn its pages to discover whether or not the story matched the wondrous cover.

Luckily my instincts proved to be correct. The story is fantastic! Three words describe this novel: funny, thrilling and entertaining. The story fills you with a typical sense of envy when Luke's brother becomes a superhero. Only they do not know what powers he possesses. The references to Marvel and DC superheroes and Star Wars are brilliant, creating a real sense of a new superhero amongst the many that exist already. I love David Solomon's humour towards a typical superhero story.

So far any lady reading this (unless an avid fan of superheroes) has switched off the moment superheroes are mentioned. Clever writing from David Solomon has created a novel that clinches hold of all readers. This is due to, the family connection and love for one another throughout the story and a very intuitive girl named Lara.

I would recommend this book to all for the reason that, it captures life's most important features: love, friendship, togetherness, support and the ability to create the feeling of belief when things are at their worst! I cannot wait for another novel from David Solomon!

Oda Renate says

The blurb on the front says that you will laugh till you fall down your three house. A great blurb which is also very much true.

This book will make you in a better or just a good mood (if you were in a bad one first).

The world is very much our own with a few sci-fiction elements to it, so it's not hard to understand.

The characters in the book are different so everybody will find some to relate to.+++

Need I say more?

Read it or be in the stupid 1 %.

Nova says

FANTASTISCH! DIT BOEK VERDIEN HOOFDLETTERS!!!! Maar dat vind ik heel irritant lezen, dus ik ga gewoon verder. Dit boek is voor alle fans van superhelden, of je nou een Marvel of een DC fan bent. Het is ook voor fans van Despicable Me en Megamind. Het is het verhaal van Luuk, een grote fan van superheldencomics en een jongen die, omdat hij op het verkeerde moment naar de wc moet, net geen superkrachten krijgt. Zijn broer, een super serieuze studiebolk die helemaal niets van superhelden weet, krijgt ze. Dit is Ster-Jongens 'Origins' verhaal, verteld door zijn jongere broertje, sidekick en mentor. En het is awesome!

Izabelle Holmgren says

Det här är en sån där bok riktade till mellanstadieåldern som även vuxna skulle kunna älska. Det gör mig lite

ledsen att vi har en sån strikt uppdelning mellan barn och vuxenböcker för det gör att många av oss missar guldklimpar som Min brorsa är en superhjälte. För det första den är hysteriskt rolig. Jag kom på mig själv med att sitta och småskratta i lunchrummet medan jag läste. För det andra så är den absolut FULLPROPPAD med superhjälte/serie referenser. Släng in lite Star Wars också så är det komplett. Och det är jättekul att läsa för en som har någorlunda koll på sina superhjältar, som har sett/läst lite Marvel och DC. MEN för den som inte är insatt alls tror jag att det kan bli lite svårt att hänga med alla gånger.

Jag önskar att den vore lite kortare och med lite större stil/med mer illustrationer. Då hade det nog blivit en storfavorit hos ungarna också. Nu tror jag att jag kommer få arbeta en del med att få den här ut i omlopp. Och då bara till de duktigaste läsarna i 4:an och 5:an.

Hobbes says

This is a deserved winner of the Waterstones Book Prize for middle grade readers. It's great for all ages in fact, especially those of us nerds who love superheroes, supervillains and Star Wars as there are a plethora of references throughout. And, there is humour on every page.

Comic book fanatic Luke goes for a wee and misses the chance to be endowed with superpowers to save two universes. Yes, two universes. And to make matters worse, his nerdy goody-two-shoes and never-read-a-comic in his life older brother, Zack, gets the honour. Luke is gutted! He's then on a mission to make sure Zack becomes a proper cape and is in fit shape to foil Nemesis. Luke's friends Serge and Lara Lee are wonderful characters and their enthusiasm in helping Luke is entertaining and often funny.

What follows is a great story about family, friendships and sibling rivalry... and superpowers. Despite their bickering and differences the brothers are loyal when the going gets tough, especially when a cataclysmic event is on the horizon.

I don't think I've ever laughed so much while reading a middle grade book because it's so easy to relate to these characters. And of course I'm many, many light years away from the reading demographic it's aimed at. I'll be looking out for more from this author in future and I'll be recommending this one, a lot.

Loved it!

Charlie says

I really enjoyed this book. Not the sort of book I would normally pick up but it is full of fun references and the character of Serge is pure brilliance. In fact, the main trio are funny and a joy to read about. Lots of fun and full of adventure.

Marie the Librarian says

It was a bit predictable, but its also quite funny and also original. I bet kids who LOVE superheroes will dig this book.

Poppy says

My Brother is a superhero is a hooking novel with pages filled with humour! In this book, Luke guides his big brother Zack through being a superhero called Star Lad! Together, will they be able to stop Nemesis?

A thrilling tale by David Solomons, and I am looking forward to reading more.
