

My Brother Is A Superhero

By David Solomons

Annotation

Eleven-year-old Luke is a huge comic-book fan, so when an ill-timed bathroom break results in his 14-year-old brother, Zack, receiving superpowers from a visiting alien, Luke is really upset. But Zack-whose brand of nerdiness only extends to math, not comics-needs help navigating his new identity as Star Guy. When Luke's classmate Lara decides to unmask Star Guy, Luke tries to stop her, but the real danger is the villainous Nemesis, a threat to not one but two universes.

Book Talk

“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.”

Book Trailers

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykXujBxb3ZU>

Author on the Internet

- Twitter: @DavidSolomons2

Items to use in a library display

- Cape
- Mask
- Star Guy Sigil

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- Describe occasions when you had disagreements with your brother/sister, and how you resolved them .
- Who is your favorite superhero?
- Why are superheroes important?
- What is the difference between a hero and a superhero?
- What would your superhero power(s) be?
- How would you feel if one of your brothers or sisters received superheroes powers and you didn't?
- What would you do to prevent the end of the world?

First Line of the Book:

- “My brother is a superhero, and I could have been one too, except that I needed to go pee.”

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Avengers: The Ultimate Character Guide* by Alan Cowsill
- *The Big Book of Superheroes* by Bart King

What to Read Next

- *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Captain Awesome* (series) by Stan Kirby
- *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* (series) by Dav Pilkey
- *The 13th Story Treehouse Series* by Andy Griffiths
- *The Tom Gates Series* by Liz Pichon
- *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish Series* by Mo O'Hara

Other Books by this Author:

- *My Gym Teacher Is an Alien Overlord* by David Solomons

Additional Resources

- Interview with the author:
<https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/david-solomons-inspiration-behind-gym-teacher-alien-overlord/>
- Useful links:
 - How to draw your own comic book: <http://www.flummery.com/teaching/>
 - Sibling rivalry advice:
<http://www.perform.org.uk/resources/childdevelopment/2010/04/sibling-rivalry/?category=30>
 - Conflict resolution advice with activities:
<http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&np=287&id=>
 - Superhero Science Activities:
<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/2015/03/superheroscience-activities.html>
 - Superhero Crafts:
<http://www.theclassroomcreative.com/2013/07/superhero-crafts-activitiesfor-kids/>
 - Superhero cuffs:
<http://www.katescreativespace.com/2013/04/05/superhero-cuffs/>
 - Superhero Name Generator:
<http://www.superheronames.net/superhero-name-generator>
 - Decorations:
<http://www.schoolgirlstyle.com/2014/04/superhero-classroom-theme/>
 - Games: <http://www.schoolgirlstyle.com/2014/04/superhero-classroom-theme/>
- Lesson ideas:
 - https://tra-resources.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/entries/document/1103/Funny_Fiction_activity_pack.pdf
 - Draw and name your own superhero with abilities.
 - Convert an unusual day of your life into a comic strip, e.g. a holiday or school trip
 - Write a poem about an alien or a superhero visiting Earth, and how different we might seem to them.