



HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO

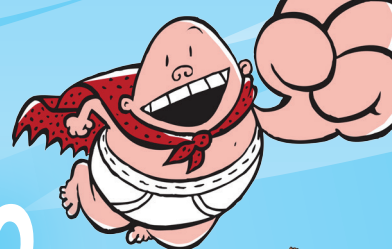


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ELISHA COOPER is the acclaimed author, of most recently, *8: An Animal Alphabet*, which received four starred reviews and was named a *School Library Journal* Best Picture Book of 2015. His other titles include *Train*, which received five starred reviews, *Farm*, and *Beach*, winner of the 2006 Society of Illustrators Gold Medal. Elisha Cooper lives with his family in New York City.

BOOK LIST

Farm
Train
Beach
8: An Animal Alphabet

Hi, I am Elisha Cooper and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started before I could read. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about a bull named Ferdinand, (The Story of Ferdinand) and reading it made me feel like a bull in Spain! I think I got it from my mom, who got it for me at the library and I must have read it hundreds of times. I realized then that reading gave me super powers to do and go anywhere. Today, I have the superpower to choose ANY book I want. Sometimes I pick up a book that takes me back in time to France in the Second World War (All the Light We Cannot See), or travel to places I have never been before such as China, (Age of Ambition). But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite coffee, put on my favorite music and escape to my special reading nook. I don't know about you, but this summer I can't wait to read books about football in England and bulls in Spain as they make me want to travel the world. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

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