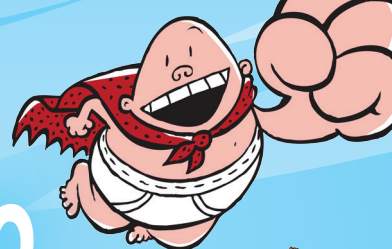




HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO



BIO

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BOOK LIST

Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities
Unidentified Suburban Object

Hi, I am Mike Jung and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started when I was 9. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about a girl named Menolly who wrote music and trained tiny dragons and reading it made me feel like I could also be a person who spends my life creating art. I think I got it from my cousin, Grace and I must have read it at least 5 times that summer. 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 the Middle Ages, or travel to places I have never been before such as the North Pole. But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite snack, put on my favorite pajamas and escape to my special reading nook. I don't know about you, but this summer I can't wait to read books about other worlds and other dimensions as they make me want to keep writing stories of my own. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

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