



HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO

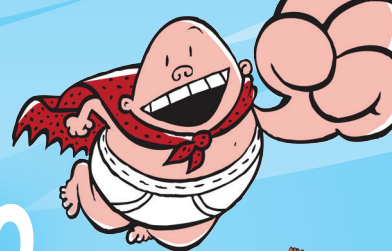


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Hi, I am Tui Sutherland and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started when I was three. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about Alexander the Great and reading it made me feel electric and inspired. I think I got it from my parents' bookshelf (they had no idea!) and I must have read it 40 million 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 Jane Austen's England (sometimes with magic! or dragons!), or travel to places I have never been before such as Nigeria, China, or Kazu Kibuishi's alternate world, Alledia.

But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite small fluffy dog, put on my favorite llama 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 awesome girl heroes as they make me want to imagine, write and save the world. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

BIO

TUI T. SUTHERLAND is he author of *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling *Wings of Fire* series, the *Menagerie* trilogy, and the *Pet Trouble* series, as well as a contributing author to the bestselling *Spirit Animals* and *Seekers* series (as part of the Erin Hunter team). In 2009, she was a two-day champion on *Jeopardy!* She lives in Massachusetts with her wonderful husband, two adorable sons, and one very patient dog.

BOOK LIST

- Spirit Animals: Against the Tide*
- Wings of Fire Book 1: The Dragonet Prophecy*
- Wings of Fire Book 2: The Lost Heir*
- Wings of Fire Book 6: Moon Rising*
- Wings of Fire Book 8: Escaping Peril*

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