



HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO

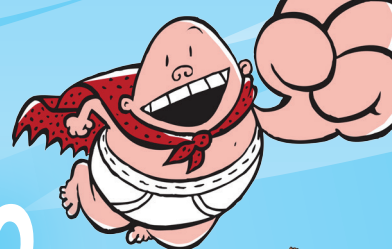


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BIO

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BOOK LIST

TombQuest Book 1:
Book of the Dead

TombQuest Book 2:
Amulet Keepers

Trapped

Plunked

Hi, I am Michael Northrop and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started when I was a little older than a lot of big-time readers. I got off to a slow start because I am dyslexic. I even had to repeat second grade. But by fifth grade, I was a better reader, and I was starting to get hooked on books. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about a group of brave rabbits searching for a new home. It was called Watership Down, and reading it made me feel like everyone had a story to tell—even rabbits!. I think I got it from my teacher and even though it was a big book and I was a slow reader, I read it twice. 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 World War II, or travel to places I have never been before such as the Amazon jungle. But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite shack, slap on some sunscreen and escape to my special reading nook. I don't know about you, but this summer I can't wait to read some good mysteries, because putting those clues together makes me feel like I'm solving a puzzle and fighting crime at the same time. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

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