



HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO



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BIO

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BOOK LIST

Cleopatra in Space Book 1: Target Practice

Cleopatra in Space Book 2: The Thief and the Sword

Cleopatra in Space Book 3: Secret of the Time Tablets

Hi, I am Mike Maihack and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started when I was about 10 years old. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about heroes like Spider-Man, Wolverine, and Captain America protecting the cosmic universe and reading it heightened my imagination. I think I got it from a comic book store and I must have read it multiple 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 the old west, or travel to places I have never been before such as another galaxy. But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite graphic novel, put on my favorite soundtrack and escape to my special reading nook. I don't know about you, but this summer I can't wait to read books about starships and robots as they make me want to pick up a laser sword and join the resistance against the bad guys. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

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