



HOW I BECAME A READING SUPERHERO

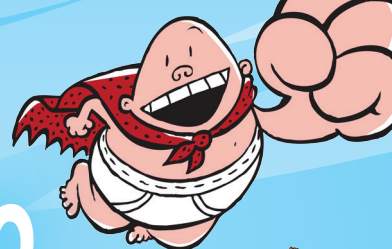


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BIO

VARIAN JOHNSON is the author of five novels, including *The Great Greene Heist*, which was an ALA Notable Children's Book, a *Kirkus Reviews* Best of 2014, and a Texas Library Association Lone Star List selection; and *Saving Maddie*. He lives with his wife and daughters near Austin, Texas.

BOOK LIST

The Great Greene Heist

To Catch a Cheat

Spirit Animals Book 3: The Return

Hi, I am Varian Johnson and I love reading books because it gives me super powers. My journey to becoming a reading superhero started when I was 8. I remember one of my favorite books of all time was a book I read about wizards and reading it made me feel powerful. I think I got it from the school library and I must have read it two or three 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 Dark Ages, or travel to places I have never been before such as Mars. But nothing is better than reading during the summer when I can grab my favorite snack, put on my favorite robe and escape to my special reading nook. I don't know about you, but this summer I can't wait to read books about jazz as they make me want to dance. That's my story on how I became a reading superhero.

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