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Not long ago the world thought its superhumans dead after a great battle wiped out heroes and villains alike. Now, new heroes - and new villains - have miraculously emerged in the form of teenagers. The new heroes find themselves on the cusp of WWIII, caused by their very existence. One hero is torn between right and wrong as he falls under the spell of a former ally turned villain, while another must come to terms with his dark role in the battle, as predicted by Quantum's prophecy years ago. If the planet is to survive, our new heroes will need to prove stronger than even they can imagine.

The year of the superhero continues in this addictive thrill-ride that brings the traditional superhero comic book to a novel format in the most satisfying of ways.

The Reckoning Details

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ElizabethM1 says

I had never heard of this book before so I saw it, read the summary and decided I would read it. It seemed interesting. It had a lot of things that created some action including super powers, superhuman, and villains. The main character Danny doesn't show that he has the power of super speed. The one who knows that Danny has super speed is Collin, Danny's best friend, and Danny's dad but the reason Collin knows is, because Collin is a superhuman too. In the beginning of the book, Danny used his super power for the first time in public to save a girl, who was crossing the street, from getting hit by a bus. In this book I like the elements of surprise, the creativity the author had to come up with superhuman characteristics, and the language used to write the book. I can compare this book to the Hunger Games in the sense of the main characters, Danny and Katniss. They both have something that they can do really well and they have trials that they have to overcome. They don't just have an easy simple life like most of the people in their communities they have to struggle and help others. They both also have to defeat bad people. I would recommend this book to people who enjoy action books.

Aaron says

It was just 10 years ago that the world superheroes and supervillains lost all of their powers after a major battle. The next generation is just coming to the fore, still learning about their abilities and about what it means to be a hero. In this third volume in the Quantum Prophecy series, readers get to continue following the tales of the three original New Heroes. Each of them is still dealing with struggles related to their power.

Renata, who was a teen hero at the time the previous heroes lost their abilities, is finding that her ability to change herself to impervious crystal has new twists and turns. It seems that she is now able to turn other objects and even people to crystal as well. The problem is that it causes her a great deal of pain.

The team speedster, Danny, is still incredibly worried that he is going to follow in his father's footsteps. Quantum, his dad, went mad because of his ability to see the future, a talent that Danny has not developed yet. The problem is that Quantum saw that he would lead an army that would kill millions. Danny himself has recently had a vision that was not far off that mark.

Colin, the team's super-strong member, has gone on the run. He has started to believe the American government is using the New Heroes. This allows him to become vulnerable to the telepathic Yvonne, a former teammate who seems to have the power to control people with just a word. The two of them are now working for a major movement of people who are trying to overturn all the nations of the world to bring about peace. Unfortunately, the group's leaders seem to have more nefarious goals.

Readers should definitely check out the first two books in the series before diving into this one or they will have a tough time with knowing who is who. There is a broad cast of primary and secondary characters that allow for rich storytelling, including a really interesting subplot in which the daughter of a hero without powers who died in an earlier book is dealing with whether heroes ultimately are a good or a bad thing.

The books, like the series as a whole, is full of quick-paced action, strong characters, and some serious looks at a number of ethical questions. Fans of the series and superhero tales in general will really like this book.

Lazybee says

This book was below average at best.

Lucas Darathy says

I feel like a broken record here, but... this was cool, yeah. However, I wish it had more depth. Character development and layers are good. This "good vs evil" thing is just too simple. I mean, we have an EVIL character who can make people do anything she says, but the main character is sooo GOOD that, even though he's under her control, he still cannot kill. I keep saying this, but the books are too juvenile. Not bad, they're fun and okay, but also shallow.

Brian says

Really liked the supposed end to the Trilogy. (Come to find out, the author has tales of these heroes and new ones in other books he's written.) I enjoyed the series immensely. They were fast reads but exciting. They were a little stale in some areas but not enough to keep me from enjoying it. If you like action superhero genre books then this is a pretty good series, even though it's mainly written for the 12+ crowd, this near 40 year old enjoyed some of the interesting twists. The New Heroes powers are getting stronger, and they're still learning how to harness them. But when one of their own turns her ability to control minds against the rest, they face something much larger than themselves, and the fate of the world hangs in the balance. The ending makes you think there is a fourth one coming, but apparently not? I guess the concept of the New Heroes has some prequels and different sequels (kind of like Star Wars and Rogue One?)

Kristi Bernard says

Having superhuman abilities is something any human would love to possess, especially a thirteen year old. Carroll does an excellent job of presenting an action packed series with two teen brothers, the sons of Quantum, and their discovery of their superhuman powers. Colin and Danny are put in a position to re-establish a superhuman race. Book Three, The Reckoning, Colin's mission is to stop Max and the Sakkaran's from figuring out how to use a power-damping machine that could kill super-humans, as well as, innocent people. Colin is then approached by the Trutopians, a group who wants to help humans bring about world peace and defeat the Sakkaran's. The Trutopians have been tracking Colin in an effort to bring them on their side. The Trutopians want to help keep the super-humans secret, but Colin isn't sure that is what they are all about. Meanwhile, Danny and Renata are with Max at the Sakkaran fortress where they have joined the following but aren't sure they will be fighting on the right side. Danny has foreseen the future and fears that if he wears the mechanical arm that Max has created for him, the Quantum Prophecy will come to pass and billions will die in the upcoming war. Two brothers fighting on opposite sides of the war between saving the planet and saving themselves from extinction must also battle their own fears as well as find their place in the war that could potentially destroy human kind. Carroll unravels the mystery of each character a little piece at a time creating a page turning trilogy of deceit, power struggles and the age of discovery for young

teens who are learning the wicked ways of the world in addition to how far their superhuman powers will take them. This is an excellent book for teenage boys but girls will love it too. Parents should be advised that this book does contain some strong language.

ThedeadinsideLlama says

It was good

Greyson Harness says

One of the best books I have ever read. Yes, better even than Harry Potter. It has by far the best twists I have seen in a book in living memory. The only books that I can think of with such great plot twists are Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (which only has a great twist at the very end) and Lord of the Rings. All throughout this book you are surprised.

One of the best things about this book is that you don't know who the enemy is. Some of the people you think are good turn out to not be so good in the end, and vice versa, as it is with the rest of the series as well.

Another intriguing thing is that certain things Carroll does let you know, like hinting and even directly telling you one thing from a character's view (can't say what without spoiling; those who have read the first two books, I can say that what the character says has to do with the prophecy). He directly tells you, and yet, it's still surprising when what you were told happens because the fashion in which he does it is just wow. There's no other word for it.

There's not much I can say without spoiling it. It's not one of those books that can survive on its own like the first Star Wars (as in first made, thus 'A New Hope'). That is saddening, the book would have been amazing if it could stand alone, but alas, it cannot.

The ending is urg!!! I wanted to go and kill Carroll for doing such an evil thing. **WARNING: DO NOT READ THE EPILOGUE UNTIL THE NEXT BOOK HAS COME OUT ON MAY 12 2010!!!** You will regret it, it is the single worst cliffhanger ever. Worse than any cliffhanger at all, worse than any imaginable. I cannot think of a worse cliffhanger.

The characters in Carroll's story are very well developed. A few characters are more developed than others, but they are all believable and excellent characters.

The way Carroll tells the story is excellent storytelling, giving the reader enough info to make inferences, misleading the reader while stating the truth of what will happen, just thousands of writing gimmicks that make it a very enjoyable book. Some writers do write better, but I cannot think of many, and most have been writing for years and are big name authors with movie adaptions to their books such as Dan Brown and Tolkien.

The Reckoning is the best book in the series thus far. Most of the time, the first book is the best in the series and remains such, but no. The series actually gets better as it progresses, which is a very nice thing to see in a series when all we get is series where we thoroughly enjoy the first book but quit the series later on due to a

decreasing quality.

The Reckoning is for just about any reader. The book falls under just about every literary genre excluding fantasy, having just a little bit of everything. It is most sci-fi, taking place in a future not more than fifty years from now, probably not that far. A must read for any reader.

Denae Christine says

Alternate reality.

Golly. No matter what horrible things happen to these characters, I still wish I was a superhuman.

Only, I like Renata's and Danny's powers best because they're the most reasonable. Why does ever superhuman seem to have to have super strength and speed? Why can't everyone be fine with just ONE power? What's up with Mina? It really would be more interesting if there were more limitations, but at least MC knows better than to make every character unstoppable (like in Daniel X, uninteresting/unrealistic JP character). But still! These people break bones, nearly die, get all sorts of cuts and bruises and scrapes and injuries, but they're fine a few minutes later! Why? Do all of them have superhealing? No, they're just needed in the next stage of battle.

At least everyone actually has to TRY to win (unlike JP's books or TAB's books). The crises are realistic and difficult, besides giving many characters some internal conflicts to spice things up.

Samuel Sylvester says

I really enjoyed the author's writing style in this book. It was targeted for young readers, but wasn't insulting in the way of using typical childish script and cut to the point. For example,

“As she stepped into the hallway, Stephanie said, “So now what? I’m grounded?”

“Where were you?”

“Out.” Stephanie unzipped her jacket and pulled it off.

“It’s six o’clock in the morning, Stephanie. Why don’t we save time by skipping all the shouting and me telling you how worried I was? Tell me everything.”

Excerpt From: The New Heroes, Book 3 .

Ahh... You don't know how much I appreciated that. Normally we would have to go through the paces about how worried we were and how your grounded blah blah blah. But here we're collected and rational enough to calmly get the facts out there without misunderstandings or having the stupid punk teen not spit it out and solve the problem.

I also liked the fact that the plot was carefully constructed and considered, and the characters had a visible, logical way of thinking. Especially the villains who, as far fetched as their logic might be, was feasible. You could see how they started with the concept innocently, and progressed to wards their final stages of evil. And even then, only the true masterminds stayed evil. The lackeys had their reasons for their crime, and once

that was over they were not partial to the life of crime because whatever goal they were in for had been achieved and there was no need to go further.

Overall it was a good story, very coherent, plausible and above all... entertaining.

I look forward to reading the next book.

BTW Major end spoiler. DO. NOT. READ! (view spoiler)

Gregory says

Had a review, but Goodreads sucks, kinda like the ending of this book. That's a little harsh, but I just felt like the ending action wasn't there. The rest of the book had some nice action but it all fell flat at the end. I'm just hoping that the next in the series will make up for it.

Thomas says

It was OK, the series got boring though

Lynn says

This is the third book in the Quantum Prophecy series. Danny has lost his arm in battle and refuses to take a mechanical arm fearing the prophecy will come true and he will lead an army that will destroy humanity. Colin has become so powerful that he feels the pressure of the survival of the world on his shoulders. Will his resentment lead him to the enemy? Will he help destroy the world. Read The Reckoning to find the answers. This is a great third book in this series, but at the end I was left wondering if there were more books in this series.

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Amy says

Hmm, I dunno, I was kind of disappointed with this book. I mean, the writing is great and all, but I wasn't satisfied with the end. What was probably supposed to be a cliff-hanger left me with no inclination to find if there are other books.

What especially annoyed me was the whole "evil America" feel. I mean I know the author is European and probably has his own biases, fine, I know America isn't perfect, but I was disgusted how almost EVERY American in power was a major jerk.

Plus, the three main characters just kind of lost their charm. Diamond was totally my favorite character....and she was weak in this book. I can not believe what they did to her. Collin might have improved, but just slightly. It would have been much cooler if he could have broken the mind control by himself. Like by refusing to beat up Stephanie or something. Danny was just weak, and though I was expected all the "ex-supers" to do something, they didn't.

So...maybe giving a three is being generous.
