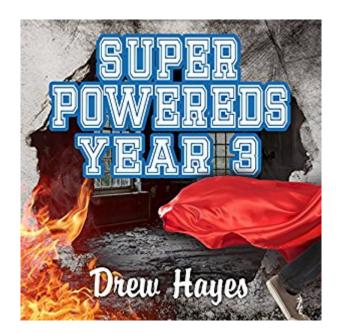
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Super Powereds: Year 3: Super Powereds, Book 3





Synopsis

Junior year has come for the remaining students of Melbrook Hall, and it promises to be the most difficult one yet. With one of their own gone and another under serious investigation, none of the former Powereds know how many days remain for them in the Hero Certification Program. The time they do have will be filled with more trials and classes, honing their skills as they work toward the increasingly difficult goal of becoming Heroes. Ample new challenges await them, and not all of them can be met within the safety of Lander's campus. Fallout from last year's final exam has stirred the interest of many parties, not all of them friendly. With enemies pressing in from all directions, it's going to take new alliances, dedication, and countless hours of training if they want to last another year.

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Customer Reviews

It's been a long time since I've anticipated a series continuation as much as I have this one.I always wonder a bit whether it's worth my time to write reviews for one of the later books in a series. I mean, either you're familiar with the series and need little help deciding whether to keep going â " I certainly didn't wait around for reviews before picking up this one! â " or you're not, in which case you'd presumably realize you should be investigating the first book. Still, even though you probably don't need my opinion to weight your purchase decision, I think Super Powereds 3 deserves all the praise it can get.I tend to go on, so for those looking for the TL;DR version, here you go: Buy this. It's good.If you're after analysis, though, keep reading.I'm not going to bother rehashing the plot. For

one thing, you can read the blurb and the other reviews as easily as I can, and for another, you already have a good idea what the HCP students' junior year will be like.Well...actually, no, you probably don't. There are a fair number of surprises. I just don't intend to spoil them.Drew Hayes came to my attention when I stumbled upon his book NPCs. It was on sale, and it sounded like a cute little diversion, so I picked it up...having no real idea just how good a writer he is. I know better now, but it's worth mentioning that there are some things he does very, very well.Intrigue. Intrigue is hard for a lot of writers to write. Honestly, I have my doubts as to whether I'd be any good at it. It's not something an author can fake; his brain has to work in the same twisty fashion as his characters'. Hayes has the touch, though. He gets inside the heads of his criminals and his subtlety heroes and he makes it all authentic.

If you are reading this review and have not read the two prequels, don't get this book. You DEFINITELY need to read year 1 and 2 for context. Hayes puts in just enough information to remind you what happened in the last two books, but it is not a good idea to come into this one cold. If you have read the last two books, you'll be happy to find that Hayes is steadily improving. One of the things that bothered me in the last two books, the lack of individual voice, is all but eradicated in this sequel. Unfortunately, there are still a couple of character issues, namely the characters of Chamille and Roy. Chamille is supposed to be shy and (in social situations) reserved, but she is WAY to long winded for that. Cut out some of the verbal fluff, please. Roy, on the other hand, is supposed to be "cool" and jockish, but he talks like a nerd. Instead of making him say things like "unless absolutely necessary", try "unless you've gotta" or something along those lines. He isn't stupid, obviously, but he takes pride in being the more socially acceptable between him and his brother and is something of a no-nonsense type. Give him appropriate dialogue. Nathanael was disappointing. He was disappointing in the last book, and he was disappointing in this one. There is never a reason for any of the characters to be afraid of him. The only time he could have earned some form of consideration (when he set off a car bomb), the act is neutered by the fact that it doesn't actually kill anybody. From then on, he's basically a clown, dancing around for attention, failing at every little attempt to earn Nick's fear, and for some reason that I cannot fathom, Nick actually starts to take him seriously. It's embarrassing.

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