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As a teenage boy trying to hide his special powers, Clark Kent just wants to be a normal high schooler and fit in with the rest of his all-American town of Smallville, Kansas. But ever since the deadly meteor shower that rained down on Smallville and brought young Clark -- a child refugee from the destruction of his home planet -- the town has become increasingly populated by strange creatures and deadly superfoes. And there is only one person who has the growing power to stop them all and see that justice will prevail -- the young man who will soon wear the S.

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Travis says

A faith healing Preacher is using Kyrptonite to heal people, but something is starting to go wrong. Reads like an early episode of the TV show, but with less angst and stronger writing.

Tends to be a bit thin with character descriptions, as it assumes you've seen the show.

Megan Scott says

What It's About: A con artist, Donald Jacobi, sets up shop in Smallville, having heard about all the strange things that have been happening since the meteor shower hit the town in 1989. Using a tent-revival format, he lectures on the healing power of the meteorites, all the while disguising it as science. (And despite what the summary on the back cover would have you believe, Jacobi doesn't have any sort of 'control' over his followers; rather, he's simply charming and charismatic.) // Story takes place in April 2002, sometime after Whitney's dad was diagnosed as terminal but before Mr. Fordman actually died in "Crush".

What I Liked: **1)** Clark didn't seem as mopey as he did on the show, even the first season, when this story takes place. He even seemed to have a rather positive outlook on his powers. **2)** All the little moments of the Kents actually acting like a family (as opposed to what they were doing in *Man of Steel*). Although, it did start to get a little old after a while, when those moments actually stopped the plot from moving forward a bit. **3)** This book had the feel of one of the better fan fictions out there (but nonetheless, a fan fiction rather than an episode of the show). **4)** Chloe and Pete constantly betting on whether or not Clark would make the bus was a nice little throwback to the *Pilot*. And speaking of the dynamic duo, the little nod to Pete's crush on Chloe was also nice, as was the fact that it was given more weight by his talk with his dad.

What I Didn't Like: **1)** Surprisingly, this book contained some PG-13 language, namely a couple of g.d.'s. Not that I was offended, mind you; it's just it was so jarringly different from what you would expect from a kids' book or even the show itself, given what the network would've allowed. Or rather, wouldn't have allowed. **2)** This is more a minor gripe than anything, but why did everyone keep calling Pete 'Peter'?! I mean, I can think of only a couple of instances where everyone actually referred to him as 'Pete' in this book. **3)** Maybe it's just me, but Lana's aunt Nell seemed a tad out of character in this. Granted, she wasn't in the show a whole lot, but still, I would never peg her as a fainter nor as someone who would fawn over Jacobi like a teenager. **4)** As much as I love the Magnificent Bastard, there was no point whatsoever to have Lionel in this story. He and his minions popped up in a grand total of three scenes, and they added nothing to the overall plot. On top of that, Lionel kept talking about some mysterious plans he had for a plot of land Jacobi and his entourage had leased, but those plans were never revealed nor even hinted at. **5)** Also pointless: bringing up Jonathan's prejudice against the Luthors. I mean, yeah, it made it feel more like a season one episode, but other than that, added nothing to the story. **6)** My biggest complaint (as if it wasn't evident already) would have to be that there seemed to be too many subplots going on and too much filler. There were too many scenes where the writer slowed things down to let Clark introspect or have sweet little moments with his friends and family, and not nearly enough story-progressing.

Warning Label (if any): As I've said, there are a couple of g.d.'s here and there, but overall, it's safe for kids (at least, 8 and up, I'd say) to read. And that goes for us kids at heart. ;)

Overall Verdict: For all my moaning and groaning about the plot, I actually did get some enjoyment as I was reading this book. For that reason, I'm giving it 6 meteorites out of 10.

Desire Blue Unicorn says

Clark *-*

Joshua says

If you are looking for chronological order in the book series, this book follows after the following:

- 1) Arrival (book form of the pilot)
- 2) See No Evil (taking place between episodes "X-Ray" and "Cool", and is Clark's first encounter with an invisible meteor-freak as well as Clark's first dealings with a costume- in the guise of filling in as the lead in the school musical).
- 3) Flight (Follows after "See No Evil" and is before episode 5 "Cool". Clark encounters his first meteor-freak who has not turned evil due to the radiation poisoning of Kryptonite. She is also reminiscent to Hawkgirl or a female version of Angel off of X-Men).
- 4) Animal Rage (I haven't read this one yet, so I do not know if this story takes place between episodes 4-5, like the previous novels, or if this one takes place after those episodes and still before "Strange Visitors" or follows after it)?

So Strange Visitors is the fourth or fifth book in the Smallville series, if one is reading it chronologically. It also takes place between episodes 14-15. This novel was also written during season 2 and has a lot of easter eggs from that season's arc and future plots. The following are just some that I noticed:

- 1) The introduction of the season's end villain, reporter Roger Nixon.
- 2) Explanation on how Dr. Hamilton received all of his meteorites to test on.
- 3) Further examination on the potential of the "healing" abilities of kryptonite or their ability to alter our genes and enhance our cells.
- 4) Revealing that the government did research the meteorites when they landed in '89 but found nothing of interest. However, when one watches the *Chloe Chronicles*, we learn in season 3 that information is false. Scientists did find interesting information about the meteorites and this started Dr. Hamilton's research and Lionel Luthor's beginning interest.
- 5) We see as well Lionel's interest in Smallville and its meteorites and for shadow to Level 3 at the fertilizer plant.

All and all, some interesting expansion of the Smallville mythos when it comes to the kryptonite storyline which leads into season six's Level 33.1 story arc.

Easton Livingston says

The 2-star rating for this doesn't mean it was all that bad. I review books on my blog at my website so I'm not going to repeat what I've said there. If you're interested in reading that review, simply click [here](#):

Smallville: Strange Visitors review.

One thing I do want to mention is that even though the book was not as good as I would have hoped, Mr. Sterns is a pretty solid writer. So if you see his name, don't be afraid to pick up that book. This book was published some time ago and we can only get better with time—God willing—as writers.

Imani Young says

great book! definately a good book.clark is just learning of his alien origin. and he struggles to accept it. also he has problems with his feelings towards lana lang- the girl of his dreams.

Alex says

I found out there was a series of Smallville novels several years ago, but have never been able to find any of them. Luckily, Interlibrary Loan is here to save the day again, and I was finally able to read this after all these years.

I am a HUGE fan of Smallville, and am currently re-watching the entire series again. I'm on season three, and so the events of season one are still fresh in my mind and helped to set the tone for this novel. This reads just like an episode of the show, and I had so much fun reading this. I really hope I can track more of these down!

I have two minor complaints, though. First, Chloe mentions her mother in the beginning, and later says something about "hanging out with her parents on a Friday night". Chloe's mom left when she was very young, and she never speaks about her, so that bothered me. Second, Pete is referred to as Peter by several different characters throughout the book. No one has EVER called him Peter on the show. These two things didn't ruin the book for me or anything, but they did stand out as being errors.

Jessica.nelson says

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Graham Bradley says

I read this back in 2001, when I was really into Smallville. Not bad, for what it was.

David Lipely says

Great book! Still like show better!

Jackson Tejada says

The writing is a lot more juvenile than I remembered from my first time reading it 17(!) years ago, but on the plus side, it's made me want to watch the show again.
