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Crunch!

There's something strange going on in Superopolis! The entire population has turned its back on its favorite potato chips of all time. Everyone has switched to the Amazing Indestructo's Amazing Pseudo-Chips. And all because someone named Comrade Crunch told them to.

Look out!

The weird thing is, no one has ever heard of Comrade Crunch. Who is he, and how is he getting the supercitizens to follow his every command?

There's more!

That's not the only mystery in town. The superheroes of Superopolis are losing their superpowers! Without their special gifts, they're just . . . ordinary! Luckily, there's one person in town who understands ordinary.

In a city where everyone is well, was extraordinary, this might just be a job for ordinary boy!"

## The Great Powers Outage Details

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### **Ben says**

In the beginning of this book, O-boy and his friends buy these new potato chips. When they eat them all of O-boy's friends powers go away and so does everybody else who ate the chips. Now O-boy has to figure out why it's doing this to the towns people. He also has to stop an election for mayor along the way.

In ordinary Boy , i made a text-to-world connection. In the book all of Superopolis people are over weight because of eating to many chips. In today's world that's the same problem in general. More and more people are becoming obese everyday from junky fatty products.

I would give this book 5 stars because it has lots of adventure and action in it and that's the type of book i like to keep on reading. Also it teaches a few moral lessons. For example "Don't be forced to only have 1 option" It's a great series and i hope the author makes many more

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### **Amber says**

Dear William Boniface:

Please write more of these books. My whole family loves them! Please, please, please!

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### **Chi says**

This book is awesome!!!!!!

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### **Heather says**

Reading level 4.9

This might be my favorite of the 3 books, fun interesting characters. Totally enjoyed reading it, was sad when it was over, hoping for book 4.

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### **Theo says**

I really liked this book because of the plot. This is kind of unusual for me because regardless of what i write i like most books for the characters. Anyway i really liked this book because it finally reveals what is giving people their powers. I really like this book because of the loose ends that it ties up.

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## **Amy says**

This is a great series. Puts an interesting spin on the concept of "superheroes".

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## **Zachary Levy says**

could not put it down. ended on a cliff hanger hope there is another one.

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## **Susan says**

It's always seemed that people in Superopolis ate a lot of potato chips, and always the local brand. But now they're being persuaded to eat a new variety (they're uniform! they come in a can!) by a spokesman who turns out to be the old Super Villain, the Red Menace, now released from jail. Well, at least it isn't Professor Brain-Drain; Ordinary Boy knows he's dead. Or is he? When everyone's super powers begin to wane, the populace panics, but OB looks for a reason.

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## **Chak says**

Brilliant. Simply brilliant. The Great Powers Outage was my favorite of the Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy series, of which this is the third (and latest) book. To my knowledge, Book 4 is not yet out, nor do I know if it is in development. However, I can tell you that everyone in my house is eagerly awaiting it.

In this episode, everyone in Superopolis loses their power. It's up to Ordinary Boy to figure out what happened and how (and if!) to fix it. The plot refers to elements in Books 1 (The Hero Revealed) and 2 (The Return of Meteor Boy?), which makes for a very satisfying read. While not as technically complex as the non-linearity and recursiveness of Book 2, The Great Powers Outage was richly layered, with the peripheral stories of the class election (an indictment of the American political process, minus any ideology or dogma) as well as the tale of the founding of Superopolis and the origins of *The Li'l Hero's Handbook*. The book was also a simplistic, but very effective lesson in cause and effect, especially regarding correlation vs. causality. In spite of more pronounced destruction of evil compared to Books 1 and 2, no villain (or government) took a worse beating than Pringle's Potato Chips (very thinly disguised as "Pseudo Chips" in the book), in my humble opinion.

I feel that this series is perfect for ages 8 to adulthood. Yes, I would recommend it for adults, too. It's well-written, irreverent, smart (not dumbed down at all) and is entertaining on many levels. Children can enjoy the books and still miss many of the more sophisticated references or underlying meanings. But the humor is solid even without these.

Notable:

p 131 (O-Boy is disappointed with his teacher's level of ambivalence and his classmate's lack of curiosity): "I'm not trying to put anyone down." I insisted. "I'm just trying to get answers. Isn't the whole point of school to seek out knowledge?"

"Not particularly," Miss Marble responded gloomily. "I'm afraid the point of school isn't so much about learning things as it is learning not to say things that irritate other people."

"But how else do we gain knowledge?" I asked. "Shouldn't we always be asking questions and trying to use what we discover to make life better?"

"You're free to do all that" -- Miss Marble nodded -- "as long as you don't upset anyone in the process or challenge any of their beliefs."

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### **The Brothers says**

Asher (9yo) read. "Cool. People's powers are disappearing and they think it's because of the new Pseudo-Chips on the market. Who is Comrade Crunch?"

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### **Gina Weibel says**

My kids like the whole series and find them entertaining. Here you find out that maybe he's NOT as ordinary as he seems....

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### **Ethan says**

Kind of for young readers, but I liked it.

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### **Jennifer Priester says**

I really liked this book, especially the authors use of potato chips! The biggest problem I found with this book, that I didn't like, is that even though this third book in the series gets readers caught up with what happened in the previous book, I feel it reveals too much for anyone reading this book first. As I mentioned in my review of book two, the second book had some really good surprise twists but that information is given away in this book so it leaves the reader without much of a reason to go back and read the previous book as there are no big surprises left and the previous book therefore becomes too predictable.

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### **Zaid Gustafson says**

it was a good book

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**Kate says**

I am lovin' these books. You know how sometimes you are just in the mood for something fun and light and creative? They have just completely satisfied me. I especially recommend them if you have kids that happen to be boys!

**Noel Ahlers says**

So much fun!!!! My 11 year old son loved this entire series and couldn't wait until we would sit down each night to read. We just HAD to get to the library the next morning after we finished one to get the next. An 'ordinary' boy in a town of superheroes? What pre-teen can't relate to that. Fun for my son and fun for me. I loved reading it with him.

**Cody Daley says**

**Meredith says**

Another great book about Ordinary Boy. In this volume, everyone in Superopolis is losing their powers, and no one knows how to cope without a superability. Except, of course, for Ordinary Boy, so it's up to him to save the day. This doesn't have as much science as the last book, but it focuses on the importance of history, which is pretty cool. My only complaint is that Boniface seems to have stopped writing Ordinary Boy books, but this is begging for a sequel. Seriously, there needs to be at least 1 more of these. The ending, while perfectly acceptable for a book, is not at all satisfying as a series ender.

## **Veta Kupper says**

My child loved the concept of all 3 books. He enjoys how Ordinary Boy, despite having no power, is one of the smartest people in Superopolis, if not, then the smartest.

Now twice defeated, Professor Brain - Drain has miraculously returned yet again and seems to be a minuscule threat compared to the Red Menace, however proves to be the most dangerous foe Ordinary Boy has faced, and will surely be in the next book :).

My child was really hoping for Book 4 and I'm sure Mr.Boniface will be able to pull it off so to all those Ordinary Boy fans out there, don't give up hope, be like Ordinary Boy.

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## **Cesar Cruz says**

Can you ever imagine being the only one in a huge city without a super power. Well Ordinary-boy is exactly that. He is the only person without a super power. This book contains drama, action and comedy. I really like this book because it lets us know how Ordinary-boy feels and thinks. Not just what he does. The author also set a great mood in this book.

The only person in Superopolis who doesn't have a superpower, helps the big city solving the mystery of why the citizens had lost their superpower. Ordinary boy is a boy who lives with his mom and dad in Superopolis. Superopolis is a city where everyone has superpowers besides him. His dad has the super power to heat anything with his hands. He used to work at a chip factory. The best chips around! In the beginning of this book, Ordinary-boy and his friends buy these new potato chips. When they start to eat them they get a little sick. When they finished eating them, all of Ordinary-boy's friends powers go away. Everyone else who ate the chips lost their powers. Now Ordinary-boy has to figure out why it's doing this to the town's people. He also has to stop an election for mayor along his journey.

Ordinary-boy is the only hope to save his city. He doesn't have any superpowers and really can't fight. But at the end, he somehow ends up winning. He uses his brains and smartness to defeat the villain who is causing all this trouble. At the end everyone gets their superpowers because of Ordinary-boy.

The detail the author made in this book was very good. He made every character have a specific power and what he/she does. In Ordinary Boy, I had felt a text-to-world connection. In the book all of Superopolis people are overweight because of eating too many chips. In today's world that's the same problem in general. More and more people are becoming obese everyday from junky, fatty products. This gives an example to a real world situation.

I would give this book 5 stars because it has lots of adventure and action. This is the type of book I like to read. I would recommend this book to people who like adventure, comedy and action. Also it teaches a few moral lessons. For example "Don't be forced to only have 1 option" It's a great series and I hope the author makes many more of these books.

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