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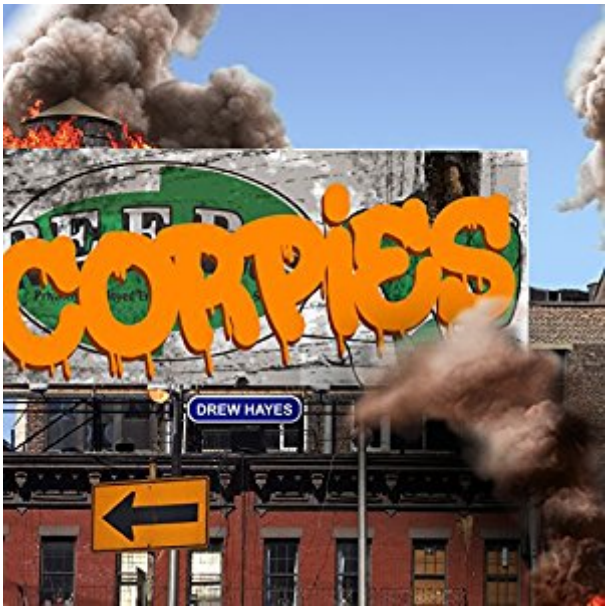

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Synopsis

Titan was one of the nation’s most loved and respected Heroes, until an infidelity scandal tore his image and family apart. After decades spent out of the limelight, Owen Daniels has decided to take up the mantle of Titan once again to try and make amends for his years away. Unfortunately, the Titan Scandal is still common knowledge, and no Hero team wants such a polarizing figure. With no other options, Owen is forced to take a job overseeing a group of corpies, corporate-sponsored Supers who do rescue work...as long as there are cameras around. Between a team that doesn’t want him, fellow Heroes who don’t trust him, and a nation that might not be ready to forgive the sins of the past, the return of Titan could prove even harder than the scandal that drove him away. But Owen will have to push on, because his new city is far from a peaceful one. A mysterious enemy is attacking Heroes and growing steadily stronger. An enemy that only the once-legendary Titan might be able to stop. If he can manage to stick around this time.

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Customer Reviews

I have been reading everything that Mr. Hayes has written for some time. He has a history of writing fun and believable stories - and I highly recommend you seek his other work. In Corpies he has produced his best work yet - a spin off of the Super Powered series. (And no, you don’t have to read that series first for this to make sense, but it would not be a bad idea to do so as it fills in what will be questions. Or you can read this first and then that series. His characterization is excellent in Corpies, and you can really understand and relate to the characters. In places its funny, in others it

makes you think. Have you ever considered what it would be like in a world where some people had super powers? While this is set in such a place, its really about the people that drives the story. And does he drive it - like he's in a Ferrari! I think this is the best thing he has written to date, and hope that this series is cointued.

This is probably my favorite of Drew's works, which I found initially via Super Powered (which started out strong, but has gotten a bit repetitive and less positive). This has tons of good stuff; laugh-out-loud bits, thoughtful bits, heartwarming bits, and is a fun, easy read. It has one of the most neutral treatments of a gay man I've seen yet; pretty much stereotype free except for a pivotal bit of backstory (and even that has a good reason). It may be a spinoff of the S-P books, but can be read stand alone just fine. The setting might make you think "fun fluff but the characters and interpersonal dynamics are more moving than you'd expect. Best of all, its not horrifically dark or toxic in any way; it's actually pretty positive in tone. The primary norms/themes are things like decency, self respect, etc., just in a world with superheros. I think his dialog and interpersonal interactions are probably the best part, but it's decent in all other respects as well (good editing, decent plot, etc.). Good use of humor, which relatively few writers really master as a supporting element in managing a drama.

A truly enjoyable read. Spinning of from Hayes' wonderful "Super Powereds" series, this focuses on an aspect of a metahuman world that I've never come across before. In a world where people with abilities must pass a rigorous and competitive process to become a "cape" - what happens to those who don't make the cut? They aren't authorized to fight super-villains, so what do you do? Some become athletes, some join police/fire depts. And some become corporate sponsored disaster response teams - pejoratively known as Corpies.This is the story of a disgraced cape signing on with a team of corpies and his evolution. I loved the main character, I loved the supporting characters and I *LOVED* a certain rabbit that shows up at the end.Do yourself a favor and check this out. Hayes has a solid writing style, creates wonderful characters, interesting twists and inventive uses of metahuman ability.

I was hesitant to read Drew's take on introducing a gay character into the superhero world. Not because I am homophobic but because sexuality should not be the main point for anyone. You don't read other superhero books and have a 100 pages of them explaining their heterosexuality. And you didn't have that here. Is the main character gay? Yes. Does it even matter? No. Bottom line, the

book was good and bordered on great. I would say this book was one number shy of being 42.

I enjoyed the YA Super Powered books out so far, even though I am not the target audience, what I always wondered about was what were the established heroes (graduates) doing out in the real world, since they were vague in the world this series had inhabited.This spin off gave a great intro to that world, how both corporate and subsidized heroes manages the exciting catastrophes they encountered, as well as adding a dimension of development into a side character for the other books. Look forward to more from this universe.

I'm pondering if this spinoff is actually better than the series from which it spun off. I've read the powered series and enjoyed them, so gave this a try. The story line is more direct, the characters well developed, and the plot engaging. Each character has their strengths and weaknesses. They respond realistically to the situation. I'd be hard pressed to say if I'd prefer a sequel with Titan, or a sequel with another spinoff character. both would be great. Admittedly there were several editing errors, but nothing to distracting or that prevents reading through them.Drew is quickly becoming one of my favorite indie authors.

As mentioned in the description, this is a spinoff of the Super Powereds books. If you liked those books, this is a must read: Quite enjoyable with a great new group of characters--and it expands the world of this series dramatically, considering it happens outside the confines of the classroom and what heroes do once they graduate. If you picked this one up first, go back and read the other books too. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

So far, there isn't a single title from Drew Hayes that I didn't immediately fall in love with by the end of the first chapter. I still remember checking his website every single week for updates on his Web serials. Then I faithfully purchased the books once they became available. The characters in corpies are flawed, but loveable and admirable. The writing is fast paced, the dialogue hilarious, and the twists and turns had me laughing, gasping and shaking my head. This book was a very satisfying redemption story and it helped to flesh out the super powered universe and showed us what it's like outside the Lander campus. Give it a try. He's a great author and he writes some pretty entertaining books

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