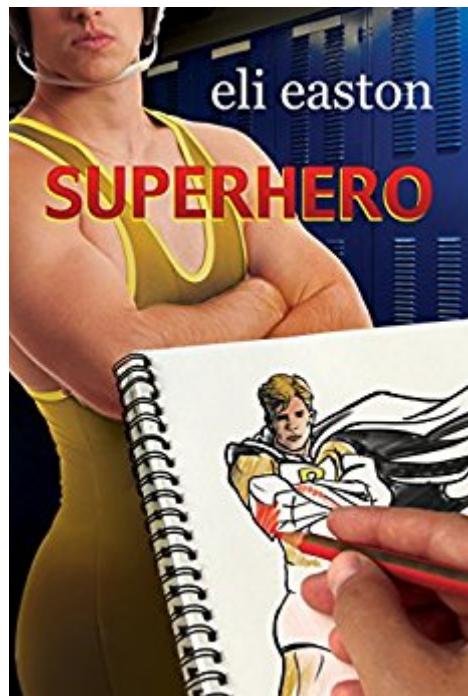


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# Superhero



## **Synopsis**

It's not easy for a young gay artist like Jordan Carson to grow up in Jefferson, Wisconsin, where all anyone seems to care about in middle school and high school are the sports teams. But Jordan was lucky. He met Owen Nelson in the second grade, and they've been BFFs ever since. Owen is a big, beautiful blond and their school's champion wrestler. No one messes with Owen, or with anyone close to him, and he bucks popular opinion by keeping Jordan as his wingman even after Jordan comes out at school. Their friendship survives, but Jordan's worst enemy may be himself: he can't seem to help the fact that he is head-over-heels in love with a hopeless caseâ "his straight friend, Owen. Owen won't let anything take Jordan's friendship away, but he never counted on Jordan running off to find a life of his own. Owen will have to face the nature of their relationship if he's to win Jordan back.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Bam-Bam all grown-up! A gay teen coming of age with heart and courage to be. Jordy was just the right foil, side-kick, love for Owen. I wish all gay teens like Jordy had a superhero, if not a confident, kind, sensitive boyfriend to hold his hand or a dad who he could look up to, who nurtures and

protects him until he can do it for himself. Owen being "Bi" not convinced, but a minor flaw of the writer. Loved the "Lion and the Crow" and now "Superhero." Only downside was the price point for a novella - 2.99 would be just right.

\*\*\* SPOILERS \*\*\* Another terrific book by Eli Easton! Superhero is perhaps the most realistic, depicting the relationship from elementary school up through college of two boys, one a skinny boy who draws comics (Jordy) and the other his athletic best friend (Owen). The thing that makes the story a bit unusual for stories about a somewhat nerdy kid being looked after by a jock is that Jordy isn't really the one other kids pick on, when he comes out. Most of the other kids are okay with him being gay. It's Owen, the star of the wrestling team, who endures the most harassment from his teammates and family, because everyone knows he's best friends with Jordy. The subject of bullying is well handled without getting too unpleasant (though there is a side story about another kid that goes there). What really struck a chord with me was how realistic the relationship felt to me. I was very much like Jordy in high school, and had friends like Owen. The "Gay For You" plot is well-paced and realistically handled. Nobody suddenly realizes anything about his sexuality -- things take time to develop. And, unusual for novels in this genre, Owen is not gay specifically, but bisexual.

bookshelves: favorites, grabs-my-heart, fav-authors, gfy, m-m, made-me-think, made-me-smile, mc-to-love, sports, want-more, what-the-f, wow, yaRead on November 08, 2015I don't know how I have missed reading this book. I love Eli Easton's stories. As I started reading, I knew how this story would progress: BBFs as boys; one falls for other as teenager; uncomfortable for straight one; High School become strained; part for college; years later united. Read it many time. WOW! I was wrong. Should have known better as it was an Eli Easton story. Jordan and Owen were so real together. Their friendship strong. I loved these guys. Jordan realizes as he gets ready to enter his teen years that 1) he is gay and 2) he wants his best friend in a new way and 3) said bestie was straight. He realizes all of this in one instant as he kisses Owen while they are in the pool. Seriously, I claim complete disassociation from my actions on that day. My mind was not driving the car. If you doubt me, try being a twelve-year-old boy with yo biggest sexual fantasy pinning you against a wall mostly naked in a poo, and then tell me I'm lying. Owen made it clear to Jordan that there was never to be a repeat. They would ignore it and continue on with being friends with no benefits. At that point I would have promised anything as long as he didn't cast me off like a favorite shoe that had something foul sticking to its bottom. Own didn't want me the way I wanted him. He didn't like boys. That was

bearable. But I would die if I lost my best friend. The MCs were wonderful. They were entertainingly written, especially Jordan who gave me many smiles and laughs. It was a treat being in his mind. They also touched on very serious subjects. The author handled them with absolute balance of levity and emotion. This is their story and theirs alone. I would love to visit them again in a short story, maybe a holiday story. The ending is little rushed. I would have loved some heat after they had turned 18.

READ THIS BOOK! I am very hard to please when it comes to books. Even the books I love tend to have a "if the author had just done X then it would have been perfect" tacked on. It's just how I am wired. And these days, with so many books telling the same story over and over again, it's even harder for me to find any enthusiasm. I couldn't wait to finish this book so I could come over and tell people to read it. It's been years, I think, since a book made me this happy. Jordie is funny, brave and strong, a far cry from the typical weeping fey boy that we usually see. Owen doesn't need to go looking for his moral center while we throw rocks at his head for pages and pages. Don't you hate that? When a character is just a total coward and fails to be the friend he should be? Well, you won't experience that with Owen. He really is a superhero. The only thing some people may object to is the graphic sex, but I will defend that too. It was crucial to the development of the story and not put in solely to turn people's crank. And it was exquisitely written; funny, fumbling and so totally in character. In order to give five stars, I usually have to round up. With this book, five stars seems inadequate.

I rate this book five stars with no compunctions whatsoever. I've read so many "heavy" M/M novels lately, that this novella came as a breath of fresh air. The writing is lyrical, contemporary, the characters beautifully rendered, the dialog - well, it may be the first book I've ever read in which the voices of young people actually sound authentic - and smart, too. To be honest, I just loved this book. And when the two MCs get together, my eyes filled up with tears at the sheer joy of what these two found together. Congratulation, Eli, you've written a great short book. Cannot wait until you release more full-length work. You've got yourself a fan for life.

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