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Book Review

Title: Kid Sensation #1: Sensation
Author: Kevin Hardman
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Number of Pages: 208
Interest Level: Young Adult
Rating: Excellent



Review

Jim is not an ordinary sixteen-year-old. He is not even an ordinary super-powered teen. Jim has a smorgasbord of powers including flight, super speed, teleportation, telepathy, and shape-shifting (just to name a few). Two years ago at the superhero trials, Jim was caught on camera having a fight with the Alpha League, the most powerful superhero team around. However, they now have to work together to stop a group of super villains bent on destroying the Alpha League, killing Jim, and taking over the world. Stopping the super villains turns out to be the easy part; stopping the teenage members of the Alpha League that have turned evil is much more difficult. Working together, the heroes manage to stop the traitors, but not before Alpha League headquarters is destroyed. After all that excitement, Jim faces another surprise: his father, the greatest superhero on the planet, stops by his house to see him for the first time in his life.

Sensation is a fun superhero story. Fans of the DC and Marvel comic universes will enjoy this new world of super-powered people trying either to save the world or take it over. The Alpha League will remind readers fondly of the Avengers and the Justice League. This is the origin story of a new superhero. It includes demonstrations of Jim's powers in spectacular ways as well as introducing his friends and arch enemy. Jim's character is rather flat and overpowered, but his relationships with others develop throughout the book. Also, Jim's multiple superpowers offer readers a chance to see many exciting abilities. The major themes in this book are family, friendship, and service. The book shows that what abilities a person has is far less important than what they do with those abilities.

*Contains mild violence.