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A World without Heroes (Beyonders #1)

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Author: Mull, Brandon

Title: *A World without Heroes (Beyonders #1)*

Year of Publication: 2011

Publisher: Aladdin

ISBN: 9781416997924

# of pages: 464

Rating: Outstanding

Reading/Interest Level: All

Keywords: Honor; Trust; Coming of Age; Fantasy; Novel

Review:

On a trip to the zoo, Jason Walker, a normal teenage boy, gets swallowed by a hippopotamus and enters a new world. Finding the world is controlled by an evil wizard emperor, Jason along with those of the world who want to rebel and Rachel who is also from the real world must complete a quest to defeat him. But when things don’t go as expected and the things that was purported to be the emperor’s undoing backfires, Jason finds an unexpected ally in one of the evil emperor’s trusted servants, who rescues him and sends him back to the real world.

In *A World Without Heroes* (the first volume in the *Beyonders* series), Brandon Mull is able to leave behind the quick resolution he was known for in the *Fablehaven* books, instead giving the reader more and more. He deftly keeps the reader going with mini-climaxes so they will never want to put down the book down until they reach the final climax. There is also an amazing twist at the end which will have readers clambering for the next books in the series. Mull creates believable characters, that make the reader feel less like an observer and more like they are right there in the story experiencing the same things the character do. This book is a great edition for any collection and a good read for the entire family.

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