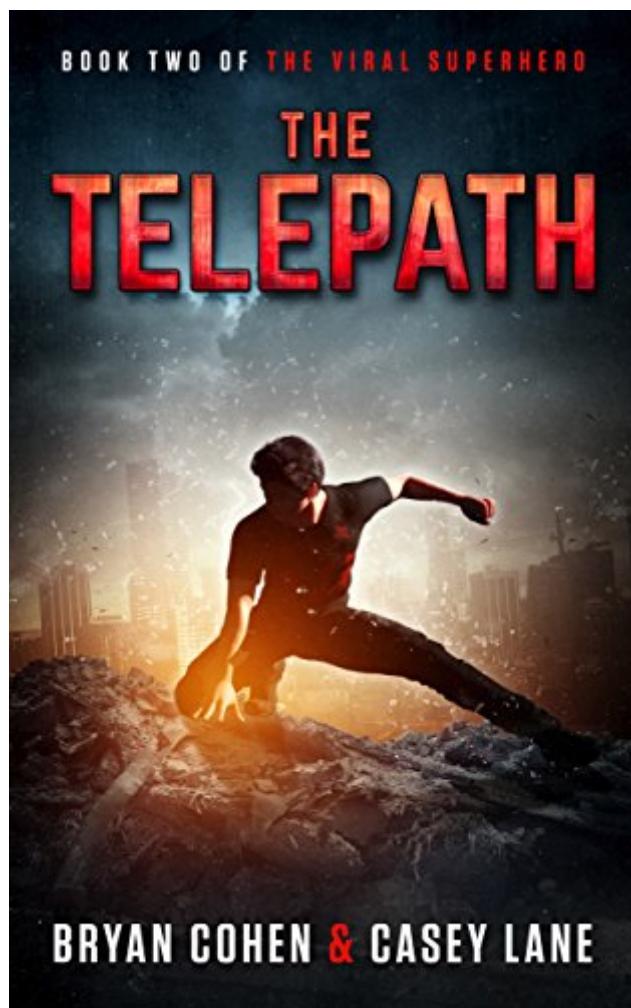


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Can a teenage superhero stop a mind-controlling menace with a vengeance? Newly-empowered superhero Ted Finley wishes he could spend all his time fighting crime. But between recruitment offers from the federal government and the growing Go Home Alien movement, Ted's being pulled in a million directions at once. Fortunately for him, he's got a protector and dream girl in the form of Erica LaPlante. If only she wasn't keeping secrets from him! As Ted, Erica, and the rest of the team cope with the fallout from their battle against the dark souls, a new evil descends on the town with the ability to control what they think, see, and feel. Erica's secrets may hold the key to winning the battle but revealing them could sacrifice the world! The Telepath is the second novel in the thrilling Viral Superhero Series. If you like breathtaking action, laugh-out-loud humor, and a hint of romance, then you'll love Bryan Cohen & Casey Lane's edge-of-your-seat story. * This book is an edited and revamped new edition of a novel that was previously published as Mind Over Easy. *Buy The Telepath to continue the super-powered series today!

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Customer Reviews

"The Telepath" is the second book in the series beginning with "The Dark Souls." Books whose plots develop over a sequence of volumes have challenges of a special kind. To begin, there must be an over-arching story arc which informs each novel in the group. The story arc in this case is cosmic in nature and provides a dramatic force which motivates the individual plot lines in all of the books. However, there must also be a "local" plot that has its own particular interest and which has a reasonably satisfactory resolution. Thus the volumes between the "gateway" volume and the finale all must, to a certain extent, have properties of a stand-alone novel and yet be sequential developments in a larger pattern. I think that the authors of this book have succeeded quite well in juggling the needs of the series and the specific book. For instance, there is a certain personality growth in the main characters. Ted is still the same individual we met in the first book with recognizably the same personality. But he is strengthening both in terms of his ability to use powers and in his approach to making choices. Erica is becoming less a mentor and protector and more of a companion. However, the star of Book 2 is Dhiraj. In "The Dark Souls" he was little more than a humorous sidekick with an urge to make money. In this book he is a character with far more depth, one who struggles with several significant moral choices—not least those concerning his relationship with his girlfriend Jennifer. She is somewhat disappointing—particularly when it comes to making rational decisions. Natalie, too, in the early part of the novel doesn't seem to have an inner life that seems either convincing or well motivated. Being a Young Adult Work it is not surprising that the Senior Prom plays a large part in the story. The villain is quite effective and manages to create a certain sympathy that is cleverly linked to the over-arching story arc. "The Telepath" is an interesting blend of science-fiction and fantasy. In fact it quite possibly qualifies as being in that mixed genre termed "Science fantasy".. As in fantasy there are visionary experiences quasi-demonic possessions and a battle between forces of Dark and Light. But the use of trained ESP and the background of a parallel universe is more like the plot machinery used in science fiction. The themes are significant. The book explores such topics as Power, choice, responsibility and identity. And if the issues are sometimes dark, there are always touches of humour to engage the reader.

In "The Telepath," author Bryan Cohen continues the YA-science fiction/fantasy saga of Ted Finley,

an ordinary and somewhat geeky high school junior who suddenly finds himself with amazing superpowers and learns that he's now responsible for saving the earth from an attack by a bunch of bad guys with pretty amazing powers of their own. It was clear to me in reading the first book in Cohen's series, In book 2 of The Viral Superhero series, Ted's powers are increasing and he is learning more about being a super-hero. His friends are all still by his side, Erica, Natalie, Jennifer and Dhiraj. Things get complicated when a new teacher enters the picture. Mr. Redican is not what or who he appears to be. In fact, he is trouble with a capital T. This story does a great job of showing how fear of the unknown causes some people to act....as shown by the members of the G.H.A. or Go Home Alien movement that is making Ted's life miserable....or at best, more complicated. A great continuation of Ted's story.

As the second book in the series our hero must continue to grow in the use of his powers and control new powers that come to him. Two antagonists appear in his life, one who is incredibly annoying , and another who acquires a power to challenge him. The group of friends who supported him before continue to do so with occasional exceptions. This book could be read as it is a new storyline in the setting but as with most series it is best read after the first. I recommend this book. I received an ARC of this book and am voluntarily writing this review.

The second book in the series and it is as good as the first. It's nice to get the friends together working on saving the world but it's even better when issues that have been haunting them are resolved. The book leaves a nice opening to the continuation of Ted's training but it leaves his friends and Erica at home. I wonder what book three has in store for Ted whilst he is out of town. Thank you Bryan for another great book.

The adventures of Ted, nerd turned superhero, continue. This is an action-filled plot. The pace is quick and exciting. You can't help but cheer for Ted and his friends. There's a meaner villain and more bad guys. Ted is learning that he has even more powers than he realized. It's a fun read. Can't wait for #3.

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