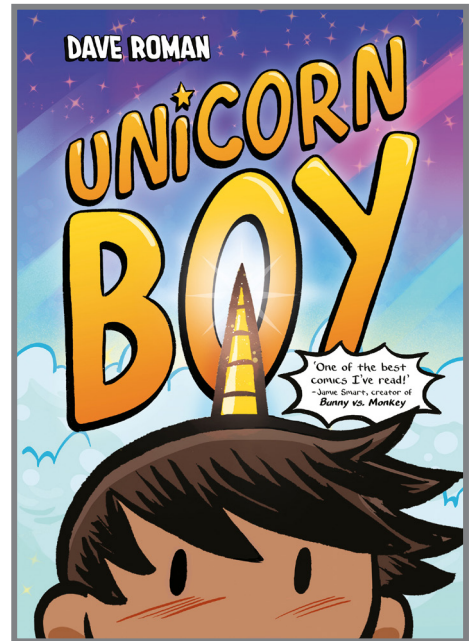


Unicorn Boy

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SYNOPSIS

The first few years of Brian's life were unremarkable—nothing weird about this kid, no sir.

Then he found a bump on his head.

And it grew . . .

And grew . . .

And grew . . .

Into a full-blown, sparkling, SINGING unicorn horn!

It was the last thing a shy kid like Brian could ever want—but destiny waits for no Unicorn Boy. And when shadowy creatures from another realm kidnap his best friend Avery, Brian must accept his fate as a hero and go on a perilous journey to try and save the day!

Can Unicorn Boy save his best friend from the underworld?!

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Dave Roman is a New York-based author and illustrator who started drawing and self-publishing his own comic books in middle school (and never stopped!). When he's not coming up with adventures for an unwilling unicorn-horned superhero, he is a series editor for First Second's acclaimed Science Comics non-fiction graphic novels.

You can find webcomics and draw-along games on his website: www.yaytime.com.

STUDY NOTES

- Brian has a lot of adjusting to do when he gets his powers. What are some of the positives and negatives Brian experiences in his new life as a hero?
- Would you like to have superpowers? If so, what power would you most like to wield?
- At first Brian wants to keep his true identity secret, but Avery convinces him otherwise. If you were in Brian's shoes, would you tell your friends and family? Why or why not? What might be some of the consequences of your decision?
- Many of the other kids initially make fun of Brian for his unicorn horn. What are some ways you could help if you saw

someone in your school experiencing bullying?

- There are plenty of superheroes in popular culture. Choose one, and compare them to Unicorn Boy. Consider the following:
 - How they got their powers.
 - How they use them.
 - Their sidekick/s.
 - Their villains.
- *Unicorn Boy* is a graphic novel. How did this format affect your reading experience and enjoyment of the book? How might it have been different if *Unicorn Boy* was presented as just prose, without the illustrations?
- Avery and Brian are very good friends. Find some examples in the text of the different ways they care for and support each-other throughout the novel.
- *Unicorn Boy* has lots of fun musical moments! Choose your favourite line and set it to music.
- What does being brave look like to you? How do both Brian and Avery show bravery in the novel?
- How does Brian change as a character because of his experiences as Unicorn Boy? What do you think the future looks like for him?
- If you could have any baked good as your superhero sidekick—what would you choose?