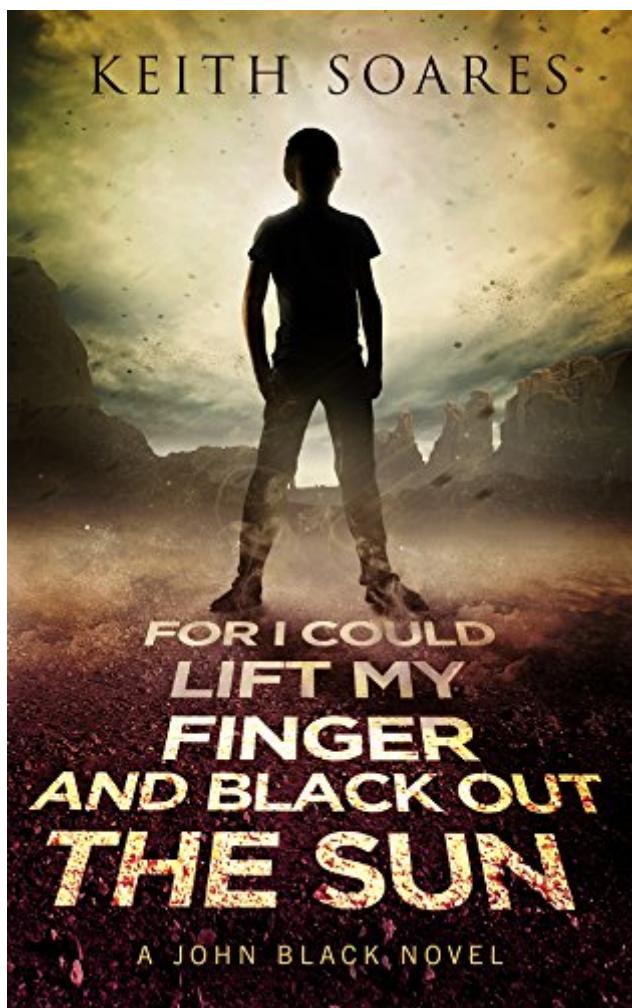


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For I Could Lift My Finger And Black Out The Sun (John Black Book 1)



Synopsis

My name is John Black. I used to be your typical nerd, a total weakling, letting bullies like Bobby Graden push me around. Then one day, Bobby and I got hit by a car. Somehow, the accident changed us, as if something inside us responded. It made us strong. More than strong, actually. It gave us power. That power brought us together, our shared secret creating a friendship despite our differences. Bobby and I could do things no one else could, and it was exhilarating, fun. Until the day we found out we weren't alone. And that, for others, power can be deadly serious. * * *

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed the story and the writer's style, which reminds me of Steven King at times. I rated the book 4 stars because it's good enough that I'm looking forward to the sequel. I would suggest another round of editing, though, as some (many) scenes became tedious and slowed the pace. Also, there are word usage and sentence structure and word usage errors. Not horribly many, but should have been caught and are distracting, as you have to guess what the author really meant to say. All in all, a worthwhile and entertaining read. Oh, and as an afterthought, I really got tired of the character emphasizing 'I'm just a kid'. This phrase becomes repeated ad nauseam very early in the read. I enjoyed it.

I truly enjoyed this book. I will not deny it took a little bit to work into it as the story started a little oddly but it suits the story and the characters in the long run. All of the actions seem to come back and make sense where explained, but leave the reader wanting more as there are still questions left unanswered by the end of the book. I don't want to spoil anything so that is as much as I can honestly say without revealing details. This is the perfect story about something of a reluctant hero I think. Can't wait for the sequel.

This book was intriguing from the first chapter to the last word on the last page. I enjoyed the story, the way the story was told, and I love the characters. I think when you read the book, John Black is supposed to be your favorite character, but mine was Bobby Graden. He is a lost boy in a home where his parents fight with each other and him. Even after Bobby was hit by a car, his mother's first words were "What did you do now?" Not "Are you ok?" Naturally a child growing up like this is either going to be depressed and turn inward or be a bully. So he chose the latter! But then Bobby and John become friends, and the more you read the more you understand that by Bobbys need to become more powerful and better at his powers he takes that third option. Prevailing and bettering his self. This is probably the worst review you will read on because it talks more about the secondary character in this story and even less about the story, but just skip over it if you want! I loved the whole story and am reading the second novel and am eager to get my hands on anything by this author! I think the only thing that bothered me about this story was Johns mothers reaction to learning that her son had powers. She readily excepted it too quick for my liking. Besides that it was

a wonderful story!

This book surprised me. It's an unconscious bias of mine that .99 books tend to have some real flaws. Also, there's the commitment required to finish some of these books, will it be worth your time. I can say that I was very quickly drawn into the story. The plot was interesting. The main character was likable. While I could see the end coming from a distance, it still didn't detract from my enjoyment. I'd definitely give this author a chance.

I'm two thirds through this first book and have one burr in my shorts about John Black. In some instances he makes great leaps in understanding but for the most part he moves in a clueless and naive fashion. Spoiler example. John keeps his guard up for hours during a car ride with Petrus only to open himself up like "a house with all the windows and doors open" in an isolated spot by a waterfall in the woods. This even though Petrus has just all but confessed his plan is to create a "closed system" where one person has all the power to the exclusion of everyone else. Having raised two children and been around their numerous friends and acquaintances, I beg that 14-15 year old adolescents are really quite savvy and wary. I see John as an immature goof that runs around like a goose in a hailstorm and periodically sticks his face in fan. This character could use a bit more brains or at least have him learn from his errors.

I wasn't expecting to love this book as much as I did. From the title the book sounded kind of pretentious and that maybe the book would be shoving it's messages in your face the whole time you read. Thankfully I was completely wrong. The plot was somewhat predictable and kept me engaged the entire time. However this didn't come from the plot itself it came from the characters. The characters in this book were phenomenal. I was afraid going in that the main character would be one of those characters that constantly annoyed me while reading. However John is a very relatable and likable main character. You understand his motivations and truly feel his temptations to join with the villain of the novel. While on that subject I was pleasantly surprised by the villain. There were a few moments in the book where the villain did something or acted in a way that I have genuinely not seen before which shocked me because I wasn't expecting that from a book like this. Overall I highly recommend reading this book especially if you are a fan of the superhero genre.

It has a slow start but don't stop reading. It gets crazy and you get sucked in. Highly recommend this book to any reader who like powers and adventure

Highly recommend this author to you, good story lines, interesting characters and a well thought out plot and lots of action1

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