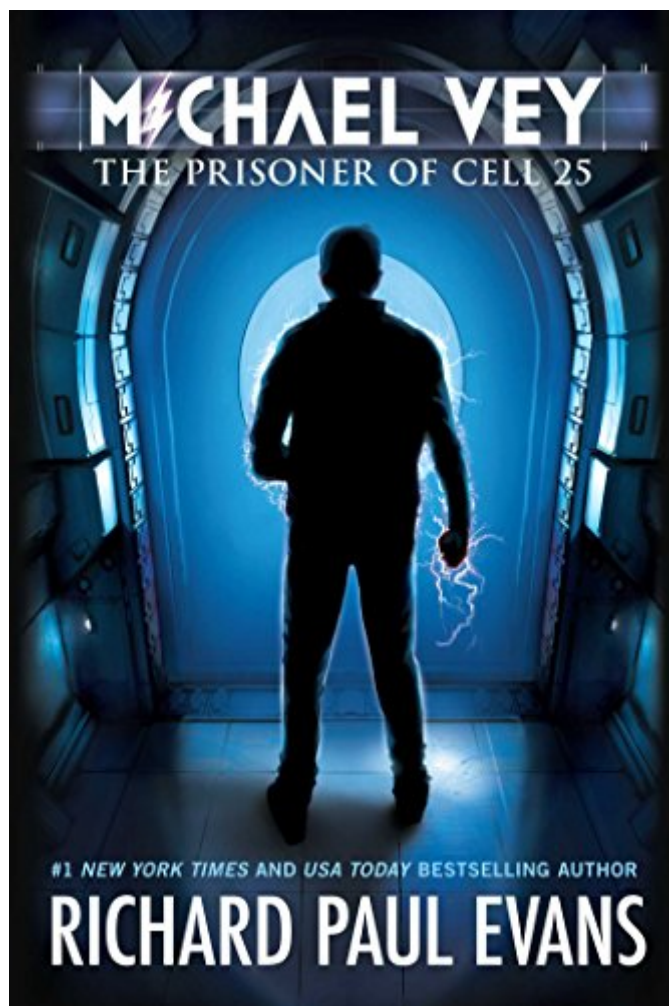


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Synopsis

The start of an action-packed teen series from #1 New York Times bestselling author Richard Paul Evans. To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special—he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens—and through them, the world. #1 New York Times bestselling author Richard Paul Evans introduces a character whose risk-filled exploration marks the beginning of a riveting new series. With only his powers, his wits, and his friends to protect him, Michael will need all his strength to survive. Michael Vey is the first title in Glenn Beck's Mercury Ink publishing program.

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Customer Reviews

My 10 year old son did not really like to read. He would get graphic novels from the school library but he mostly just looked at the pictures. I would try reading books with him but he would lose interest. This summer I decided that we would read this book. I made a deal with him that I would read 4 pages and he would read 2. He likes superheroes so I thought that this would be interesting to him because it was like a real life superhero. We read when I had time during the summer. By the middle of the book he was coming to me asking to read instead of me telling him it was time to read. By the end of the book he was very excited to get to the next one. He started reading the second book on his own because I was taking too long. He is on book three now. He is still very interested and often chooses to read instead of watching tv. I am trying to keep up with him and I love the books as well. As a result of actually finding enjoyment in reading these books, I have also noticed that he is now actually reading the graphic novels that he brings home. I can tell he is no longer just looking at the pictures but he is enjoying the story. I did originally buy the e-book version but my son prefers to have the actual book.

It's always a quandary - do you want an original story or do you want a well written one? This story has some good features, I liked the basic concept, I liked the idea of the glows. But the writing - the writing is very poor and childlike. I know this is a book for young adults, but young adults have been reading Tolkien and the Harry Potter series, they do better than this. I finished it, so that's an automatic 3 star rating from me, but I was disappointed with the telling. I won't be reading the rest of the series.

I am 21 and very well-read in the fantasy/sci-fi genre (think Dan Simmons, Robin Hobb). I read this book last year and loved it. I was impressed that Michael has a big weakness/ defect, a contrast to the typical teen 'Alex Rider' type male hero. Even more impressive was the fact that my 13 year old brother read this series. Before this the only thing I was able to make him read was Alex Rider. He really enjoyed it and I'm happy he's reading something that will teach him a thing or two. I was really impressed when he knew about tourettes syndrome and some really random fun facts about electricity. An excellent teen action sci-fi book that defies the stereotypes of the genre!

I really enjoyed this book. We purchased it for a teen book club book, and while the teens took issue with some of the story line (I agree parts of it were super cheesy), it was still a very enjoyable read. It was clean, and there was enough character development and action to keep me interested. There

isn't a lot of explanation about why things happened, but perhaps later books go into more detail with that. I really liked it.

As a father of three boys, I am always on the lookout for good stories that articulate the things in life that I think are important. I think that the story of Michael Vey fits the bill. First, let me talk a little bit about the problem I have with the story. This is the reason (along with one other small complaint) why it loses one star for me. Now this is not unique to this book. You can find it in much of our popular modern fiction. It is not a modern story device, but I still find it annoying. It is the idea that in order to be special, to overcome or succeed, you need to have some special "Thing" that you are born with. Whether it is being born with special electrical powers, magic abilities (Harry Potter) or being strong with the force (Star Wars) it carries an implied elitism that supposes that you are not born with unusual "Thing", you cannot achieve great things. In this work's defense, it shows folks without special powers doing the right thing, fighting evil and being a success. So on some level, I cannot help but think that the author understands this idea and worked toward showing that no matter what circumstances you are born with, you can achieve amazing things. The only other complaint I might have (which might have more to do with the fact that I am not the intended audience) is that some of the story points did not work for me. Nothing huge, but in some of the high action moments towards the end, I was finding myself wrinkling my nose thinking "That would not happen like that". If I could have, I would have given it a half a star more. However, having said all that, I do highly recommend this book. Once I got started, I was not able to put it down and I handed it off to my youngest son (10) last night. I suspect that once he starts, he won't be able to stop either. I also am going to guess that he is not going to have the very mild story related issues that I did.

I purchased this for my 6th grade son for Christmas. I have a hard time finding books I think he may like because he reads at over a 12th grade level. Don't want the book to be beyond him but don't want to bore him kinda thing. He's read Harry Potter multiple times and while it is still his favorite series, I couldn't get him to go to bed once he started reading Michael Vey. He loved this first book and finished it in two evenings. He prefers paperbacks to ebooks, but he begged me to buy him the next in the series on his Kindle so he wouldn't have to wait the two days for the paperback to arrive to see what happens next. Gladly!

I didn't actually read this book but my 13 year old did, and that's who I bought it for. He was ecstatic

about it and really enjoyed the read. He got it for a school assignment, but said that he was interested the entire book and he read it quickly.

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