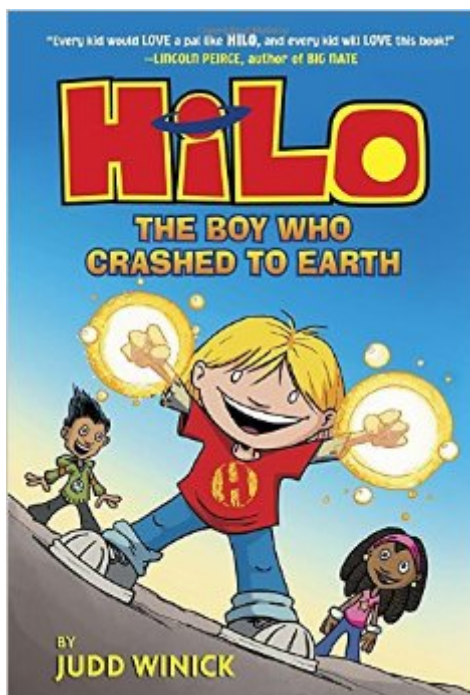


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# Hilo Book 1: The Boy Who Crashed To Earth



## Synopsis

Introducing HILO—the funny, New York Times Bestselling, full-color new middle-grade graphic novel series that Bone creator Jeff Smith calls “delightful.” D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. But that was before a mysterious boy came crashing down from the sky! Hilo doesn’t know where he came from, or what he’s doing on Earth. (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a bad idea!) . . . But what if Hilo wasn’t the only thing to fall to our planet? Can the trio unlock the secrets of his past? Can Hilo survive a day at school? And are D.J. and Gina ready to save the world? HILO is Calvin and Hobbes meets Big Nate and is just right for fans of Bone and comic books as well as laugh-out-loud school adventures like Jedi Academy and Wimpy Kid! Praise for HILO—More giant robotic ants and people going ‘Aaaah!’ than in the complete works of Jane Austen—“Neil Gaiman, bestselling author—Every kid would love a pal like HILO, and every kid will love this book!”—Lincoln Peirce, bestselling author of the Big Nate series—HILO is delightful, silly, tender, and most importantly: funny.”—Jeff Smith, bestselling author of the Bone series—Fast paced, furiously funny, and will have kids waiting on the edge of their seats for more.”—Jeffrey Brown, bestselling author of Jedi Academy—I LOVE this book. And I’m not the only one. My 11-year old son loved it. And when my 7-year old daughter saw it, she picked it up and loved it too. Hilo is alive, actionpacked...and amazing fun. Not since Bone have I been this excited to see the launch of a series.”—Brad Meltzer, bestselling author The Fifth Assassin, Host The History Channel’s “Decoded”—HILO is loads of slapstick fun with a touch of tenderness that kids will love.”—Dan Santat, Caldecott Medal Winner—High energy and HILARIOUS!”—Gene Luen Yang, winner of the Printz and Eisner Awards, two time National Book Award Finalist—A perfect book for any kid who ever needed a friend and then had one with superpowers fall from space.”—Seth Meyers, actor, comedian and writer—“Universally appealing. A wholeheartedly weird and wonderful tale of friendship, acceptance, and robots.”—Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review—“Diverse characters, good friends, and humorous dialogue coupled with colorful illustrations and plenty of action makes this a must-have.”—School Library Journal, Starred Review—The most enjoyable hero to hit the library shelves in years. Good clean laser-beams-coming-outta-your-hands fun for the whole family.”—<http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/>—HILO kept me flipping pages with its compelling mix of modern language and old-fashioned charm. There are some big themes at play here—loyalty, outsiderdom and the tyranny of technology—but, thanks to Winick’s usual dose of humor and action, kids may find it suitable for their grownups.”—Armistead Maupin, bestselling author Tales Of The City series, The Night Listener.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

At first glance I didn't realize HILO was a comic book, but that just made it all the more fun when I sprung it on my seven-year-old son. To my surprise, my five-year-old daughter loves it too -- and she's just learning to read! We're still reading it every few nights. Nearly everything about the plot is tailor-made for kids: In a family of overachievers, D.J. is notable for being ordinary. Lonely after his friend Gina moves away, D.J. drifts aimlessly through school until HILO falls to Earth. Goofy, enthusiastic (he thinks rice and milk is "OUTSTANDING!"), and utterly dependent on D.J., HILO brings out the best in his new Earth friend who finds he is far more extraordinary than he ever dreamed. On its surface, HILO is basically Starman for kids. It's every fish-out-of-water alien trope crammed into one comic. But it doesn't matter, because Judd Winick's comic timing (every time someone burps, and HILO burps a lot, D.J. yells "repeat business!"), his art style, and his masterful dialogue captures little kids and their secret world of tragedy and adventure. HILO manages to be both whimsical and serious -- the alien dangers are real, and HILO openly admits his fear -- but all three friends rise above their challenges to become better people. And that's what makes this graphic novel simply outstanding. An awesome comic that needs to be a movie.

Great storyline and amazing art. My 4 year old sits on the couch pouring through this book over and over again. He now wants to read and is recognizing some of the smaller words. He likes to have his 7 year old sister (who loves it also) read it to him. The content is exciting without being scary. The Jaguars and concepts are good. I have bought many other copies as gifts for their friends. It's "outstanding" as holiday says.

My kids were rapt with attention and read this very sweet book cover-to-cover in one sitting. And then again. And then they started drawing their own characters. Bravo, Judd Winnick! We are looking forward to the next one.

I loved The Boy Who Crashed to Earth! The illustrations are bright, colorful, and totally charming. The characters are portrayed with tons of personality, and the action scenes are filled with energy. The text is easy to read, flows well and is the perfect complement to the graphics. This story opens with action, and never quits. Every young reader will be able to relate to DJ, a young boy who doesn't feel like he's good at anything, and who just so happens to be stuck in a family of overachievers. Heck, I could relate to DJ! He's the perfect person to find HiLo, a boy with mysterious origins and a mysterious purpose. It doesn't take long for this story about action and aliens to turn into a story about friendship and finding your strength. This book handles it all with nary a misstep. I look at quite a few graphic novels every year, and seldom do I find one that is so entirely kid friendly. So many new works of graphic fiction lose themselves in art that is too pretentious, and stories that are far too esoteric for children. This one keeps its audience squarely in mind and tells a story that is entertaining and full of heart. I'm so glad that this is just book 1, and I look forward to the continuing adventures of DJ and HiLo.

HILO: THE BOY WHO CRASHED TO EARTH by Judd Winick is the first book in the new Hilo graphic novel, science fiction series for middle grade readers. Readers will be enthralled with this exciting story featuring an ordinary boy named D.J. that meets a mysterious boy who falls from the sky. D.J., along with his friend Gina, help the strange other-worldly boy save the world. While children will be drawn to the robots and non-stop action, the story also features important themes related to friendship, acceptance, loyalty, and bravery. The bright, colorful illustrations combined with the action-packed plot will have readers cheering for our latest graphic novel heroes. Librarians will find a huge audience among middle grade children who are thirsty for age-appropriate graphic novel titles. Librarians will appreciate the diverse cast of characters. To learn more about the author, go to

his website at <http://www.juddspillowfort.com/>. Published by Random House Books for Young Readers on September 1, 2015.

"The Boy Who Crashed to Earth" is a funny and well-illustrated graphic novel about DJ, a young boy who feels that he is good at nothing. His best friend, Gina, moved away three years ago and he has been mired in his life ever since. One day, he sees a big explosion and finds a new friend, Hilo, who has dropped out of the sky wearing nothing but silver underpants. DJ's life has changed in a big way but he doesn't quite know it yet. Add to that, Gina moves back and he has his best friend back again - or does he? The story is fun, funny, fast-paced and perfect for a child who is advancing into reading chapter books; especially if that child already likes comic books. I loved the illustrations, the way Hilo greets everyone, and as a middle child myself, the way that both families treat both DJ and Gina. I will certainly be looking for the second book in this series in 2016.

My 5 and 4 year old boys love this graphic novel! My boys are into comic books and superheroes so my husband decided to get them this to see if they will like it. As soon as my boys got them, they couldn't stop looking at it. My 5 year old started reading and for him to see some easy words on Hilo, he is able to try and read them aloud. I love seeing how excited they were with this book! It's a great book for both boys and girls! The story is nice and funny! We like all the characters also. We enjoyed reading this book!

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