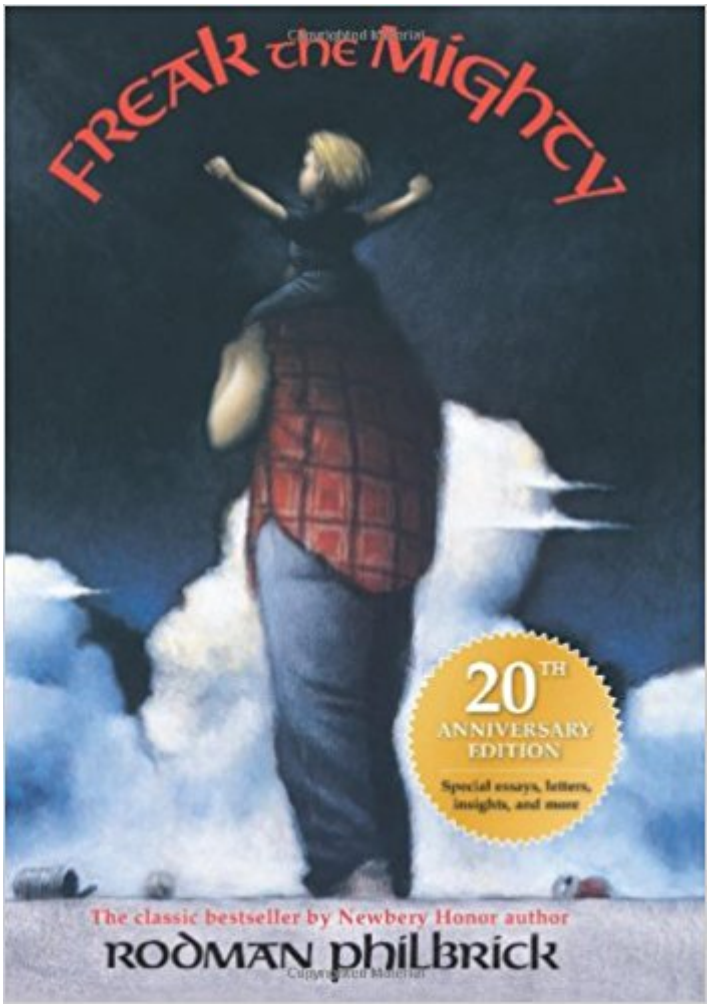
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Synopsis

It has been twenty years--and more than two million copies, eight foreign editions, and a popular Miramax feature film--since the world was introduced to this powerful story of a unique friendship between a troubled, oversized boy and the tiny, physically challenged genius who proves that courage comes in all sizes. This simple yet timeless story explores many themes, including bullying--an important topic in today's schools. Now we have a new edition to celebrate this poignant novel's success.Thirty-two pages of new content offers: extensive Q&A with the Newbery Honor-winning author; letters between the author and fans; author's exclusive commentary on the film, THE MIGHTY, and the book's effect on a generation of readers; and the original text.Perfect for teachers, librarians, and perennial fans, this anniversary edition is also a spectacular introduction for new readers. FREAK THE MIGHTY is sure to remain fresh, dramatic, and memorable for the next twenty years and beyond!

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

Maxwell Kane, a lumbering eighth grader who describes himself as a "butthead goon," has lived with grandparents Grim and Gram ever since his father was imprisoned for murdering his mother. Mean-spirited schoolmates and special ed (for an undetermined learning disability) haven't

improved his self-image, so he is totally unprepared for a friendship with Kevin, aka Freak, a veritable genius with a serious birth defect that’s left him in braces and using crutches. Max is uplifted by Freak’s imagination and booming confidence, while Freak gets a literal boost--hoisted onto Max’s shoulders, he shares Max’s mobility. Together they become Freak the Mighty, an invincible duo. Philbrick’s first YA novel, already implausible, becomes choked with cliches and stereotypes as Max and Freak mix with B-movie lowlifes, a newly paroled Killer Kane kidnaps his son and Freak himself meets a cloyingly articulated fate. Contrived and unappetizing. Ages 10-14. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9-A wonderful story of triumph over imperfection, shame, and loss. Large, awkward, learning-disabled Maxwell Kane, whose father is in prison for murdering his mother, and crippled, undersized Kevin are both mocked by their peers; the cruel taunting they endure is all too realistic and believable. The boys establish a friendship-and a partnership. Kevin defends them with his intelligence, while Max is his friend’s "legs," affording him a chance to participate in the larger world. Inspired by tales of King Arthur, they become knights fighting for good and true causes. But Kevin’s illness progresses, and when he dies, Max is left with the memories of an extraordinary relationship and, perhaps, the insight to think positively about himself and his future. The author writes with empathy, honoring the possibilities of even peripheral characters; Kevin and Max are memorable and luminous. Many YA novels deal with the effects of a friend dying, but this one is somewhat different and very special.Libby K. White, Schenectady County Public Library, NYCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great book! I read it a few years ago. My son had to read it for school. I was constantly on him about his homework and he was constantly behind in handing it into the teacher. His excuse was that the teacher didn’t have enough of these books for everyone in the class so he wasn’t able to read it and do the work.I ordered a copy for him to read at home and of course had to read it myself. I loved the story of the friendship these two main characters had. I cried at the end...Now I ordered this copy for my great niece. She is 10 and participating in battle of the books. I told her about this story and she decided she would like to read it. This copy is for her!

I used an excerpt of this book alongside Of Mice and Men to show a modern, YA view on the relationship between Lennie and George. My students really enjoyed the excerpt and wanted to

read more, which led into some great discussions about character relationships and comparisons between different types of friendship in different types of books. Aside from the great learning value, this was a quick read with a powerful message. A truly lovely story that left me sad but satisfied.

Freak the Mighty has all the qualities of a book: tragedy, loss, fun, amazement and it was so good*SPOILERS**When Max said to the doctor "you lied to him. Her trusted you." That means Freak was dead. That's when I began to cry- in school!! I would never ever cry from a book, not even Walk Two Moons!!! I just started crying and it was so sad and all the memories that they had....***SPOILERS OVER**I loved this book and I can't wait to read the sequel Max the Mighty.If I had to choose 3 emojis to describe what I
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This book is great! I feel that this book will be well loved in my classroom of middle schoolers.I appreciate the story because of the family dynamics of Max (lives with grandparents) and the amazing friendship between Max and Kevin. There are many themes that are relatable to many. This is a small book with an epic first line and filled with a tale of friendship, loyalty, and bravery.

Great book for all ages. I read this with my 12 year old son for a summer reading project and it is both a timeless and ageless classic that gets some great conversations going. It touches subjects about bulling and friendship that are very relevant to today. There are so many life lessons in this book that everyone came come away with a life lesson to ponder. This one came to me in a few days and was in excellent condition.

My grandson loves it. He was the only one in his class to have one foe over 2 weeks and that made him popular with the girls.

I use this book as a novel study with 5th graders and they LOVE it. We laugh, feel joy, heartbreak, and suspense. It is an amazing book for ages 9 -12.

This was a required book for my sons English class. He enjoyed reading it and that says a lot because he is not a reader. The story was good and easy to understand. I read it with him to help him with his assignments and I enjoyed it too.

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