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excerpted from my blog Enough with the picture books, what about prose Comic books had their resurgence and then flamed out so badly that it was difficult to find a comic book store, let alone a prose novel, but in 1995 John Varley put out an anthology of short stories called SUPERHEROES The fact that the title was available illustrates how unsaturated the market was.I borrowed the book from a friend We had grown up pondering what would you do if you had superpowers or what is the worst superpower This book played with these topics and lead me to consider .I can t list specific stories, but certain scenes are still vivid in my memory One superhero confronting another who has turned his powers on his unfaithful wife A villainess breaking a hero s heart on a tropical beach The most provocative was the story of a hero from another world with a determined fan who learns too late that his human appearance is only skin deep.The anthology was edited by John Varley who wrote the excellent sci fi epic DEMON and Ricia Mainhardt with stories from genre veterans including Roger Zelazny, Alan Dean Foster, Laurell K Hamilton, Mike Resnick, Richard Lee Byers and Michael A Stackpole.How dark Contents include skeletonized victims, arson, secret alien supermen, child murder and publicists. Stories of superheroes with various super powers by various authors The best is by book editor Varley about a Soviet Superman Mike Resnick contributed Acorns about a doctor doing his best to take care of the babies of superheroes Another good one is Press Conference by Brad Linaweaver, about the President caught in the middle of a battle of

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superheroes So there are several good stories, but most are so so at best And one of the most interesting stories is by Roger Zelazny, but it s not a superhero story at all The Long Crawl of Hugh Glass. This is a very cute, very short story by Laurell K Hamilton It s not a part of either the Merry or Anita series It s also very different to anything in those series I loved it and highly recommend it I can t say too much about it because it ll give way to many spoilers. Four stars for this read because there werestories that I enjoyed that didn t enjoy Several of three authors I could really get into and enjoy their small stories about their heroes and villains, quite enjoyable, one I would love to even create as a cosplay There were unfortunately a few that I had to force myself to read and then one I just flipped through to read the dialect between the characters Too each their own though Overall, I m glad I read it It was my first anthology. An unusual take on superhero lore and a must read for science fiction lovers as well as superhero fans It s a compilation of short stories by various authors and delves into the psyche of what really makes a superhero great and how duty bound is he she to stick to that My personal favorite was And the Sea Shall Cast Him Out with Time for a Hero running a close second. Pretty disappointing stuff when you think of what people like Alan Moore, Warren Ellis, Mark Millar and even Kurt Busiek have done with the idea of considering super powered humans in the real world Alongside things like Marvels, Ruins, The Authority, Stormwatch, Astro City et al, this is generally unremarkable stuff A better bet is Soon I Shall Become Invincible.larry Niven s Man of Steel, Woman of Kleenex is worth a look as well.<http://www.rawbw.com/svw/superman.html> Some Come From Distant Planets Others Come From Mother Earth Some Gain Their Powers From Radiation, Cosmic Rays, Or Toxic Waste Others Are Supreme Athletes Driven By Superhuman Dedication They Take Colorful Names Don Colorful Capes And They Save Us From OurselvesContents Introduction John Varley A Clean Sweep Laurell K Hamilton Time For A Hero Brain M Thomsen Peer Review Michael A Stackpole Shadow Storm Micky Zucker Reichert Empowered Alan Dean Foster Handing On The Goggles BW Clough She Who Might Be Obeyed Roland J Green And Frieda A Murray And The Sea Shall Cast Him Out William Marden The Defender Of Central Park Josepha

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Sherman Reflected Glory Paul Kupperberg Super Acorns Mike Resnick And Lawrence Schimel Vets Richard Lee Byers To Be Continued Continued Four Tales Of Many Names Gerald Hausman The Long Crawl Of Hugh Glass Roger Zelazny God Save The King PJ Beese And Todd Cameron Hamilton Contract Hit Richard A Knaak Origin Story Dwight R Decker Tu Quoque John DeChancie Theme Music Man Jody Lynn Nye Bicycle Superhero Dennis O Neil Captain Asimov Steve Antczak Press Conference Brad Linaweaver Basic Training Jerry Bingham One Of The Boys Lawrence Watt Evans Truth, Justice And The Politically Correct Socialist Path John Varley A very good fun anthology dealing mostly with Superheros Most of the stories deal less with the character s superpowers but rather the issues they have within society A few that I liked were Reflected Glory , Time for a Hero and Super Acorns A great book for people who like short stories since most are well written and satisfactorily written in 20 pages or so. John Varley admits in the introduction that he never read comic books as a kid He collected stamps instead He did, however, have a cute idea for a story about Superman in Russia Might as well edit a book of superhero fiction and get the thing published Why not Super Acorns , about a young doctor working in a pediatric unit for metahumans, is definitely my favorite short story in this collection.

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