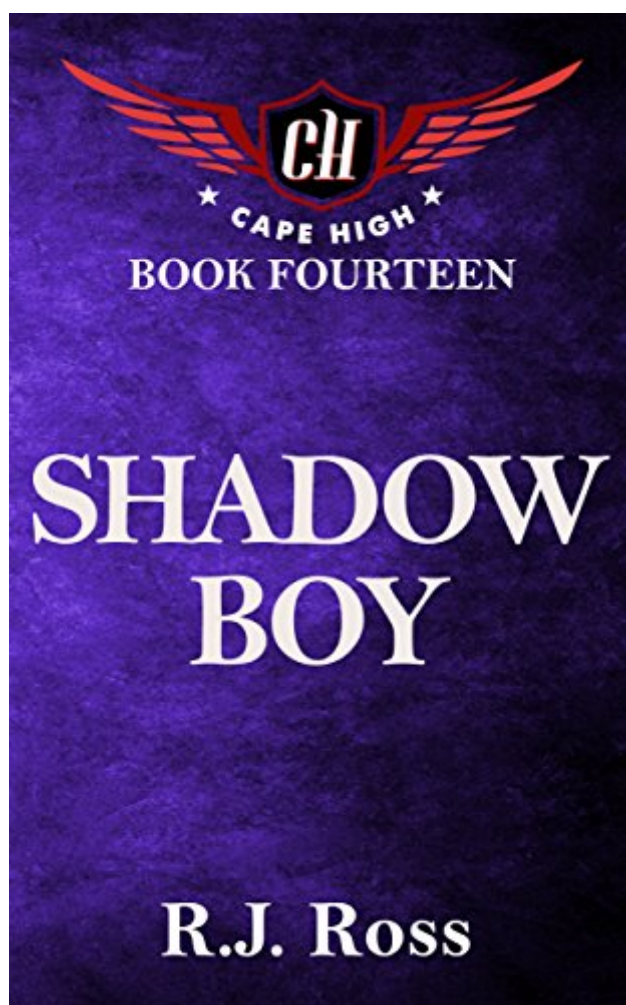


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Shadow Boy (Cape High Series Book 14)



Synopsis

"So Shadowman's not in the Cape Cells" | me and him, we didn't exactly get along well that last conversation, I admit. "You can find him," Technico says. "Skye can find him as long as he's not roaming the shadows, but you can find him, regardless." "Can you?" "I can find his phone but the moment I do, he's usually switching to another one. Your dad is paranoid, for good reason." "So you want me to focus on Shadowman, while you take out Herold?" "That about sums it up," he agrees. It's dangerous but not as dangerous as a lot of the stuff I've done in the past. "If I find him, how am I going to stop him? He's a lot older than I am, and he's more powerful, right?" "He is," Nico says. "And there's a good chance he's got a technopath behind him, just like you do. We just need to take that into account." "But I jerk, since I wasn't the one that said that. There, standing in the hall, is Carla, her hand over her mouth. "You should be in bed," I say automatically. "You've got classes in the morning." "Classes don't matter!" she says, stepping into the room. "You're just planning on running off on your own to find Shadowman, right? You could get caught or killed!" "He won't kill me, I'm his son."

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Customer Reviews

Much better then the previous two. She is starting to deal with more of the complications in having powers and highlighting the relentless enthusiasm that young adults can bring to life. With the Adults in charge, supporting them, and guiding them through the trauma that would occur in a young super powered teens life. Sometime soon they will need to have someone accidentally harm/kill a bystander. The speeds they are moving at running..... You really need to watch what happens when a jet moving at mach 2-3 does when it overflys water.... a Human body would pretty much.... yea that would be bad.

I always enjoy the Cape High books. There's an innocence to them that is so lacking in much of YA material these days. This book was, in some ways, darker than many of the other books, but it needed to be to tell the story and wrap up the Healer arc. Rocco was excellent as a POV character and I look forward to seeing more about him as he develops into his powers and how he deals with his father. Definitely anticipating the tracking he's going to have to do moving forward given how this book ended. Carla was a delight, as always, and I hope we see her story soon, especially now that she's debuted. And given how and why she came to debut as she did, I'm hoping it will take place in the next arc as the Supers deal with the fall-out and clean-up from Herold. I loved the snippets where a few of the norms were given a tiny glimpse into the backstage of Supers-life. It will be interesting to see how much (if any) of that comes out and how it is developed, if at all. It was also good to see some homage being paid to our real-life heroes in the book - the military, hospital workers, and emergency personnel. Also, I just want to say that one of the things that truly sets the Cape High books apart from any other YA material out there (and raises it to an even higher level of quality in my eyes) is the mention of faith and belief in a higher power that she scatters throughout the book in a completely natural manner. The mentions do not feel forced or unnatural and give a lovely twist to the books, with these super powered beings acknowledging that there is something more powerful than even themselves. My only real criticism of the books is grammatical (and yes, each one of them has had the same issues). There are a few instances when the grammar choice

pulls me out of the story (such as using "less" when "fewer" would be more correct). In addition, the habit of leaving out "to be" sort of irks me (i.e. "want kidnapped" instead of "want to be kidnapped") but I am aware that many younger people do tend to use these verbal shortcuts. So I know it's just my prejudice for the more classical/formal style of writing that leads me to have issues. For most people it is likely not going to even catch your attention.

This story is narrated from the point of view of Rocco. He is a shadow walking teenager. It is the MOST action packed story out of the entire Cape High series. As far as action goes, this will set the new standard for some time to come. If by some chance you've been wanting to see how a real super villain would fair against the Hall...you got your wish with this one. This is a powerful ending to the Healers ARC. A truly enjoyable addition to my favorite universe. I enjoy the Cape High universe so much, that I have over a hundred books to read, and yet, I am rereading this series for what, the tenth time? Dive in and have some fun!

Shadow Boy is another good entry/story in the Cape High series that concludes the Healer Arc storyline with Rocco Shadowman's son working on finding his place in the world/cape society and working thru his issues with his fathers infamy and his own early choices. Its also has a development at the end of the story which injects some more really serious threats back into the world. many other heros/villians make good cameos in the book too.

I've read every book in this series, and this one has few surprises. R.J. Ross is in some ways frighteningly consistent in her action scenes and her seeming need to avoid any truly "Bad" scenes. Even the worst villains in her world are given second and third chances to turn a new leaf. At the same time that is all R.J. claims to be writing. Her stories are fun and somewhat silly lacking the dark and brooding character so many authors seemed addicted to. I would have to say this is one of the weakest in the series, but that still made it a fun read.

Another great volume of a strong series. It ventures a little further into the implications of superpowers outside the capes and celebrities model, which the series has honestly needed for a while. I continue to be an eager fan.

My new favorite in the Cape High series. The character development and relationship building in this latest installment is wonderful! I loved learning more about Rocco & seeing him finally get the

family and life he's been dreaming of. It is also a pleasure to watch the others grow up with every new book released. Even when not featured, there are references and little sidetracks.... It's great how the whole series blends and wraps and runs along smoothly! Can't wait to see what's next!

With Shadow Boy, R.J. demonstrates an ability to tell a grim story while feeling upbeat and hopeful. That is rare, and impressive, and worth the price of entry by itself. Cape High returns, through the eyes of our local shadow walker Rocco. Secrets, growth, confrontations, conflicts, and heroism ensue. The Harrold arc comes to a satisfactory conclusion, and we get a glimpse of what comes next. Recommended.

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