

# *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford

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Which book has a "prologue?"

Captain Nobody (p. 1)

Who was falling from Appleton's last remaining water tower?

Newton Newman (p. 1)

In the Prologue of "Captain Nobody" what is happening to the person telling the story?

He is falling (p. 1)

What is the name of the newspaper in Captain Nobody?

Appleton Sentinel (p. 3)

Why did Newt take over breakfast preparations?

His mother got distracted once and poured milk into a bowl of raw bacon. (p. 3)

In *Captain Nobody*, what is the name of the town newspaper?

*Appleton Sentinel* (p. 3)

Who do Newt's parents swear they named him after?

Isaac Newton (p. 4)

Whose picture was on the front page of the sports section?

Chris Newman, Newt's brother (p. 4)

What is the mascot of Fillmore High School?

Ferocious Ferret (p. 4)

Who was the crosstown archenemy of Fillmore High?

Merrimac High or the Chargers of Merrimac High (p. 4)

What position did Newt's brother play in football?

Quarterback (p. 4)

How many times had Fillmore High won in football against Merrimac High?

Twice, Chris Newman's sophomore & junior years, (p. 5)

What kind of work does Newt's Dad do?

He is the supervisor for a building company. (p. 5)

What does Newt's mom do for a job?

Sells Real Estate (p. 6)

What does Newt shout to wake his brother Chris up in the morning?

He shouts "Hit the showers!" (p. 7)

Which school did Fillmore beat the week before playing Merrimac in the Big Game?

Roosevelt Prep (p. 7)

What did Newt say to wake his brother up?

"Hit the showers!" (p. 7)

What is the name of the school that Newt attends?  
He attends Appleton Elementary (p. 11)

What does Newt enjoy drawing in his sketch book?  
He draws superheroes. (p. 11).

One of Newt's best friends is called JJ, what do the initials JJ stand for?  
Juanita Josephina. (p. 12)

What was the name of the first superhero Newt ever created in his sketchbook?  
Master Key (p. 12)

Who had seen Newt's Secret Superhero Sketchbooks?  
JJ, Cecil (p. 12) and Chris (p. 193)

Describe the talents of Master Key.  
His hands could transform into keys that could open and lock in existence. (p. 12)

Whose was Newt's second super hero?  
Paper Boy came second. (p. 12)

What was Paper Boy's talent?  
Paper Boy could flatten his body until it was so thin that he could slip under any door. (p. 12)

Describe JJ.  
She is the tallest girl in the fourth grade with a head full of thick, untamed black hair. (p. 12)

What is Newt's friend JJ's full name?  
It is Juanita Josephine Gonzalez. (p. 12)

Who were Newt's best friends?  
JJ and Cecil (p. 12)

Describe Cecil Butterworth.  
He is shorter and skinnier than Newt and speaks loudly. (p. 13)

What is the wimpy librarian's new name?  
It is Guy Wire. (p. 13)

Describe Guy Wire.  
He has arms and legs and fingers that could stretch into steel wire and do cool things.

Why did Guy Wire's body change?  
He was exposed to radiation from a meteorite. (p. 13)

What does Cecil think that JJ swallowed?  
A dictionary. (p. 13)

At what age did JJ begin to read?  
Age 3. (p. 13)

Who taught JJ to read?  
She taught herself with a wooden alphabet puzzle and a really big brain. (p. 13)

What is Cecil's dream?

He dreams of becoming a drummer. (p. 13)

What is Cecil's last name?

Butterworth (p. 13)

Which one of Newt's superheroes used to be a wimpy librarian?

Guy Wire (p. 13)

Why did Cecil, JJ & Newt dislike their previous Halloween costumes?

They had always been forced to wear hand-me-downs. (p. 14)

Describe Cecil and Newt being ignored in school.

1. Kids stepping on us in the hallways (p. 15)
2. People shove you away from the water fountain (p. 16)
3. People slide your food off the table and squeeze us out of our seats? (p. 16)

Who had the idea of the "inner other -personal hero" Halloween costumes?

It was Cecil. (p. 16)

Cecil claims he can wrap himself in sheet music and go trick-or-treating as a what?

Symphony (P. 17)

Newt thinks if he could "whip up a white robe and glue on a beard" he could be what for Halloween?

A Greek god. (p. 20)

Why did JJ explode about the banner on the Spirit Squad truck?

The apostrophe in Ferrets was wrong and unnecessary. (p. 21)

What can Tommy Origami do?

He can fold his body into a packet the size of a postage stamp. (p. 23)

What is Dwight's special talent?

Dwight, The Mighty Termite can chew his way through a wood wall in ten seconds. (p. 23)

What can Gas Man clear?

He can clear a shopping mall full of people... (p. 23)

Why couldn't Newt's mom find the egg rolls at the tailgate?

They had already been eaten. (p. 27)

On which yard line do Newt's parents usually sit at football games?

The fifty-yard line. (p. 27)

In *Captain Nobody*, which day of the week did Halloween fall on?

Sunday (p. 27)

Who was the # 1 defensive end in the county for 3 years?

Reggie Ratner from Merrimac High. (p. 28)

How did Newt wind watching the football through the fence?

He was squeezed off the bench, went down the aisle to the railing and couldn't produce his ticket when the usher asked it. (p. 28, 29, 30)

Why did Newt watch most of the football game from the parking lot?  
Because he lost his ticket (p. 30)

What are Fillmore High School's school colors?  
Red and white (p. 31)

Who scored the winning touchdown in the big game?  
Chris Newman. (p. 32)

How old is Newt Newman?  
10 years old (p. 39)

The first afternoon when Chris was in the hospital, what did JJ & Cecil bring to cheer up Newt?  
They each brought a CD. (p. 40)

When would the Ferrets' Victory Parade occur?  
When Chris Newman was able to celebrate. (p. 41)

Who postponed the Victory Parade?  
The principal of Fillmore High School. (p. 41)

Who was accused of delivering the blow that knocked Chris unconscious?  
Reggie Ratner (p.42)

In Newt's first dream after the Big Game, what are he and Chris doing?  
Ice skating (p. 45)

What had Newt been for Halloween in previous years?  
A Cowboy (p. 47)

How did the Captain Nobody costume get created?  
Newt was going to dress up in Chris's old clothes to cheer his mother up (p. 50)

Describe JJ's Halloween costume & makeup.  
Black gown edged with silver cord, long black gloves, hair twirled around pipe cleaners, shiny black lip glass, black and white eye shadow, silver crystal earrings. (p. 51)

Describe Cecil's Halloween costume.  
Green velvet jacket crisscrossed with colored ribbons, green velvet pants, long gray socks and green high-top tennis shoes and hair whitened with baby powder. (p. 51 & 52)

Who was Cecil's Halloween character?  
It was The Wolf- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. (p. 52)

What color was JJ's Halloween costume?  
Black (p. 52)

Who does JJ dress up as for Halloween?  
Splendida, the Queen of the Dungeon of Dreams (p. 52)

Who does Cecil dress up as for Halloween?  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (p. 52)

What was Captain Nobody's cape made out of?  
A gray sweatshirt (p. 56)

What kind of shoes did Captain Nobody wear?  
Silver track shoes striped with lightning bolts (p. 56)

Describe Newt's costume made with JJ & Cecil.  
Red sweatpants, Chris' old silver track shoes with lightning bolts, purple baseball jersey with a gray sweatshirt cape, red t-shirt mask with "CN" on it. (p. 56, 57)

What one item changed Newt's opinion of his costume?  
The mask (p. 57)

Which part of an old t-shirt was used to make Captain Nobody's mask?  
A short sleeve (p. 57)

What letters were on Newt's mask?  
C N (p. 60)

Who prompted Newt to come up with the name "Captain Nobody"?  
The couple passing out treats who wanted the kids to identify who they were dressed up as (p. 61)

What did JJ and Cecil claim CN stood for before Newt came up with "Captain Nobody"?  
Commander Nuclear (p. 61)

What did Newt do with his Halloween sack after he got home?  
He pushed it down into the kitchen trash. (p. 67)

Newt dreamed that Captain Nobody patched a hole in the side of a sinking ship using what?  
Gum (p. 68)

What was on Reggie Ratner's lawn after Halloween?  
Fifty cans of garbage had been emptied on the lawn. (p. 69)

Why did Newt wear his costume to school the day after Halloween? (Two reasons)  
Because the outfit made him feel strong and confident (p. 70)  
And because his mother had washed all of his clothes but forgot to dry them (p. 71)

How did Newt feel when he wore the "Captain Nobody" costume?  
He felt strong, assured, confident that Chris was OK, certain that Mom wouldn't cry, worry free, special, amazing (p. 70) Okay, right (p. 71) Good (p. 78) Super amazing, magical (p. 91)

Captain Nobody is "defender of the" what?  
Little guy (p. 73)

Who is the principal at Appleton Elementary?  
Mr. Toomey (p. 73)

Why was Newt allowed to remain in school wearing a costume?  
Because of what had happened to Chris (p. 75)

How did Captain communicate with his friends?  
By walkie-talkie (p. 77)

What did Cecil use to call Captain Nobody?  
He used a walkie talkie. (p. 80)

Which one of Newt's best friends is the first to call Captain Nobody via the walkie talkies?  
Cecil (p. 80)

What did Cecil find in the dumpster?  
A bass drum (p. 81)

What was Newt's big fear?  
He was afraid of heights. (p. 82)

Why did Captain Nobody scream like a cheerleader?  
A gnarled hand shot out from a stack of cardboard boxes and grabbed his ankle. (p. 84)

Who did the boys find near the dumpster?  
Mr. Clay (p. 85)

In what way had Mr. Clay helped Newt's mother?  
He would pick locks and make keys – he was a locksmith (p. 86)

What is Mr. Clay's profession?  
He is a locksmith. (p. 86)

Which one of Newt's parents did Mr. Clay work with in the past?  
Newt's mom (p. 86)

Who does Captain Nobody save on his first adventure?  
Mr. Clay the locksmith (p. 86)

How did Captain Nobody assist Mr. Clay?  
He walked him back to his home (p. 87)

What did Newt's father apologize for to Newt?  
He apologized for neglecting Newt. (p. 90)

Who called Newt's parents at the hospital concerning Newt?  
Principal Toomey, Mrs. Young, the guidance counselor and other people. (p. 90)

When Newt's mom is close to selling a house what does she call the pair of heels that she wears?  
Her "seal-the-deal-heels." (p. 91)

Which call for assistance did Captain Nobody ignore?  
Moving a freezer out of a basement (p. 93)

How did Newt see his brother while the "no visitor" was in effect?  
His Mom took a video with her cell phone. (p. 94)

In one of Newt's dreams, he imagines everyone at the football stadium getting what kind of food?

Pizza, a slice of pizza (p. 96)

Newt tells JJ and Cecil that if it is a “real, true emergency you’d better” do what?  
Call 911 (p. 98)

What does Cecil require Newt & JJ to say when they are done talking into their walkie-talkies?  
They are supposed to say “over.” (p. 98)

What grade is *Ricky Ratner* in?  
Seventh grade (p. 99)

Name Reggie Ratner’s cousin.  
Ricky Ratner. (p. 99)

What did Ricky want Captain Nobody to do?  
Call off Chris’ friends and football players who keep hassling his cousin. (p. 100)

Who stood up for Captain Nobody when Ricky was making his demand?  
Cecil, JJ, Basher, Evan McGee and all the rest of the fourth-grade boys. (p. 101)

What did Sullivan’s Jewelry Store do to upset JJ?  
They misspelled words on their sign (p. 105)

How was necklace spelled on the sign in front of Sullivan’s Jewelry Store?  
N-E-C-K-L-E-S-S (p. 105)

Not counting Captain Nobody, how many customers were in the jewelry store when Newt entered?  
One (p. 107)

The word karat was spelled wrong on the sign in front of Sullivan’s Jewelry Store, how was it supposed to be spelled?  
K-A-R-A-T (p. 108)

Which nationality are Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, the jewelry store owners?  
Irish (p. 108)

What was going on when JJ and Newt went into Sullivan’s Jewelry Store?  
There was a robbery in progress (p. 110)

What were the three signs in the jewelry store window that upset JJ?

1. Ask about our 24 carrot gold!
2. Every neckless on sale.
3. All earring’s half off!!!

Why did Newt refuse to be a witness at the jewelry store?  
The robber said he would hunt Newt down and hurt him. (p. 110, 111)

Why was Captain Nobody not seen on the surveillance camera?  
The cameras were aimed to view adults, “normal” sized people. (p. 114)

How was Captain Nobody referred to in news reports?  
The little guy, a savior, subnormal, a midget, a hero, wee folk, a leprechaun (p. 114) Some little bozo, an escaped mental patient, punk, villain or a hero (p. 136), a human fly ( p. 185)

What do Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan mistake Captain Nobody for being?  
A leprechaun (p. 114)

Why did Newt's Mom throw away the newspaper page?  
It had an article about Chris which was not good. (p. 118, 119)

Where was the jewel thief recognized and caught?  
In a McDonald's near the Jewelry Store (p. 118)

Medical experts said Chris Newman would be ok unless he remained in a coma for more than how many days?  
Six days (p. 119)

Who is head cheerleader at Fillmore High School?  
Colby Bryn (p. 121)

Who was the mascot for Fillmore High School?  
Ferocious the Ferret (p. 122)

Describe Ferocious the Ferret.  
He looks like a puzzled cat whose body has been stretched long and low to the ground. (p. 123)

Newt claimed that Ferocious the Ferret "looks like a puzzled" what?  
Cat (p. 123)

What is the wagon that carries Ferocious around the field before football games called?  
The Ferret Ferrari (p. 123)

Who volunteers Newt to take home the high school's mascot?  
Cecil (p. 124).

What can Cecil do that his teacher refers to as "earsplitting"?  
Whistle (p. 124)

Who was going to be the fourth grade Friend of Ferocious?  
Captain Nobody (p. 124)

True or False: It was a well known fact that Chris Newman had a younger brother.  
False (p. 124)

Ferocious the Ferret is what two colors?  
Black and white (p. 125)

What is the mascot of Merrimac High School?  
The Merrimac Charger (p. 127)

How were peopling "torturing" Reggie Ratner?  
They were calling 40 times a night and waking up the family & ordering Chinese takeout for Reggie's address, writing "blame Reggie" on the Charger.. (p. 127)

Who was the mascot for Merrimac High School?  
The Merrimac Charger (p. 127)



What statue is on the front lawn of Merrimac High School?  
The Merrimac Charger, a huge bronze guy on horseback. (p. 127)

How was Ferocious the Ferret able to escape from his cage?  
It opened up when Ricky Ratner and his friends tried to grab it away from Newt (p. 129)

Why did Captain Nobody stop traffic on the freeway?  
Because Ferocious the Ferret ran into the road (p. 131)

What happened while Captain Nobody was chasing Ferocious on the highway?  
The traffic stopped and angry drivers beeped their horns. A small plane with engine trouble landed on the cleared highway. (p. 132, 133)

What happened because of traffic being stopped on the highway?  
A small passenger plane with engine trouble was able to land there (p. 135)

When did Newt realize whose helmet met Chris' causing his injury?  
He had a dream about the highway and the cars became football players and the final play of the game was replayed in slow motion. (p. 140)

Whose helmet connected with Chris' helmet?  
Darryl Peeps. (p. 140)

Who actually made the contact that sent Chris to the hospital?  
Darryl Peeps (p. 141)

What time frame were the doctors giving Chris to get better?  
Six days (p. 143)

When JJ was five she decided everyone must call her Princess Zarzuela and that she would only eat foods that were what color?  
White (p. 144)

Why did the police think Reggie was up on the water tower?  
That he was depressed as students and fans of Fillmore High School had repeatedly harassed him and his family and he was going to commit suicide. (p. 147)

Why did everyone think Reggie Ratner climbed up the water tower?  
To commit suicide (p. 147)

Why did Newt think that he was the only person who could change Reggie's mind?  
Because he was Chris's brother and also because he knew what really happened (p. 150)

Newt admits that he is scared of heights. What are JJ and Cecil afraid of?  
JJ – spiders Cecil – plastic garbage bags (p. 151)

What fear does Captain Nobody help Newt overcome?  
His fear of heights. (p. 151)

Why is Cecil scared of plastic garbage bags?

They are slimy. (p. 151)

Who helped boost Newt onto the water tower ladder?

JJ (p. 154)

What part of the costume came off as Newt was climbing up the water tower?

The mask (p. 155)

Did Newt lose his Captain Nobody mask on the way up or down the water tower?

The climb up the water tower (p. 156)

Newt thinks to crawl or "slither" over the water tower like which of his make-believe crime fighters?

Sticky Ricky (p. 157)

True or False: Reggie was not surprised to see Newt on the water tower.

False (p. 157)

What two secrets had Newt told Ferocious?

He told Ferocious how badly he missed Chris and how Darryl's helmet had connected with Chris'.

Why had Reggie Ratner climbed the water tower?

He wanted to spray "Go Merrimac" on the side of the tower so he would be remembered for something that he had really done. (p. 159)

What are Merrimac's school colors?

Orange and green (p. 159)

How many bagels did Reggie have for breakfast the day he got stuck on the water tower?

Seven (p. 161)

Why was Reggie stuck on the water tower roof?

He couldn't untie his shoe to remove his foot when it went through the roof and got stuck. (p. 162)

Why did Newt fall from the ladder?

He let go of the ladder when a chunk of rung bonked him in the middle of his forehead. (p. 165)

Why did the boys fall from the water tower?

The ladder broke as they tried to climb down (p. 165)

What happened to put Newt in the hospital?

Reggie fell on top of him (p. 168)

Did Reggie get hurt in his fall?

No, Newt broke his fall. (p. 169)

What were Newt's injuries after Reggie fell on him?

He had a broken ankle and two broken ribs. (p. 170)

When Newt found out he was at the hospital, what did he want to do?

Visit Chris (p. 170)

Why were Cecil and JJ giving interviews on TV?

To explain how Captain Nobody got involved in the water tower rescue (p. 171)

What did Reggie tell everyone was the reason he climbed the water tower?  
He needed to think (p. 176)

What did Newt yell at Chris to get him to wake up?  
“Hit the showers!” (p. 180)

What did Newt’s Mom order for him to eat in the hospital?  
She ordered a hamburger, lettuce, no tomato and lots of mustard. (p. 183)

How did Newt get back to his home after being in the hospital?  
An ambulance drove him (p. 185)

How did Chris leave the hospital?  
In a limousine (p. 186)

Chris told the mayor that there was only one real hero in Appleton. Who was the hero?  
Newton! (p. 188)

When the mayor asked Chris if he was ready to ride in the victory parade, Chris declined. What reason did he give?  
Chris said that the parade should be led by heroes, and Newt was the *real* hero (p. 188)

In which month did the Fillmore victory parade finally take place?  
November (p. 190)

What did Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan give JJ to show their appreciation?  
A pair of diamond earrings (p. 191)

Who chipped in to give Cecil drums and lessons?  
The pilot and passengers of the plane that made the emergency landing (p. 191)

What did the mayor of Appleton present to Newt for all the good he had done?  
The Key to the City (p. 192)

After the parade, what presentations happened?

1. Chris accepted the big gold statue on behalf of the Ferrets football team. (p. 191)
2. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan gave JJ diamond solitaire earrings. (p. 191)
3. The pilot and passengers of the small plane gave Cecil a drum set, lessons and his parents’ earplugs. (p. 191)
4. Mr. Clay made a special gold “Key to the City” and the mayor gave it to Newt. (p. 192)

Name 5 of the super heroes that Newt has created.

Master Key (p. 12)

Paper Boy (p. 12)

Guy Wire (p. 13)

Tommy Origami (p. 23)

Dwight, the Mighty Termite (p. 23)

Gas Man (p. 23)

Captain Nobody (p. 62)

Sticky Ricky (157)

Name 4 of Captain Nobody’s adventures

1. He climbed up and into the dumpster to retrieve the bass drum for Cecil. (p. 81-84)
2. He walked Mr. Clay home. (p. 87)
3. In his dream, Captain Nobody froze every one by yelling "Ollie, ollie oxen STOP!" Chris walked off the field unhurt, he unfroze everyone and then he ordered 1,000 pizzas & everyone in the stadium got a slice. (P. 95-96)
4. He interrupted a robbery Sullivan's Jewelry Store while explaining the misspellings and incorrect grammar on their signs. (p. 107-111)
5. He dashed out into the traffic on the four lane highway waving his arms and screaming "Stop! Stop!" The traffic stopped and a small plane landed. (p. 131 - 133)
6. He climbed the water tower to talk to Reggie Ratner. (p. 157) The most daring rescue in Appleton history. (p. 171)

#### **WHERE** (5)

Where were the keys to the house on Elwood Street?

They were in the freezer behind the frozen waffles (p. 6)

Where did Newt's inspiration for drawing superheroes originate?

Inspiration was from his brother's comic book collection. (p. 12)

Where did Cecil, JJ and Newt meet?

They met at school in first grade. (p. 14) Appleton Elementary

Where did JJ's Halloween character come from?

She was named Splendida, the Queen of the Dungeon of Dreams from The Crystal Cavern Chronicles. (p. 52)

Where was the jewel thief recognized and caught?

In a McDonald's near the Jewelry Store (p. 118)