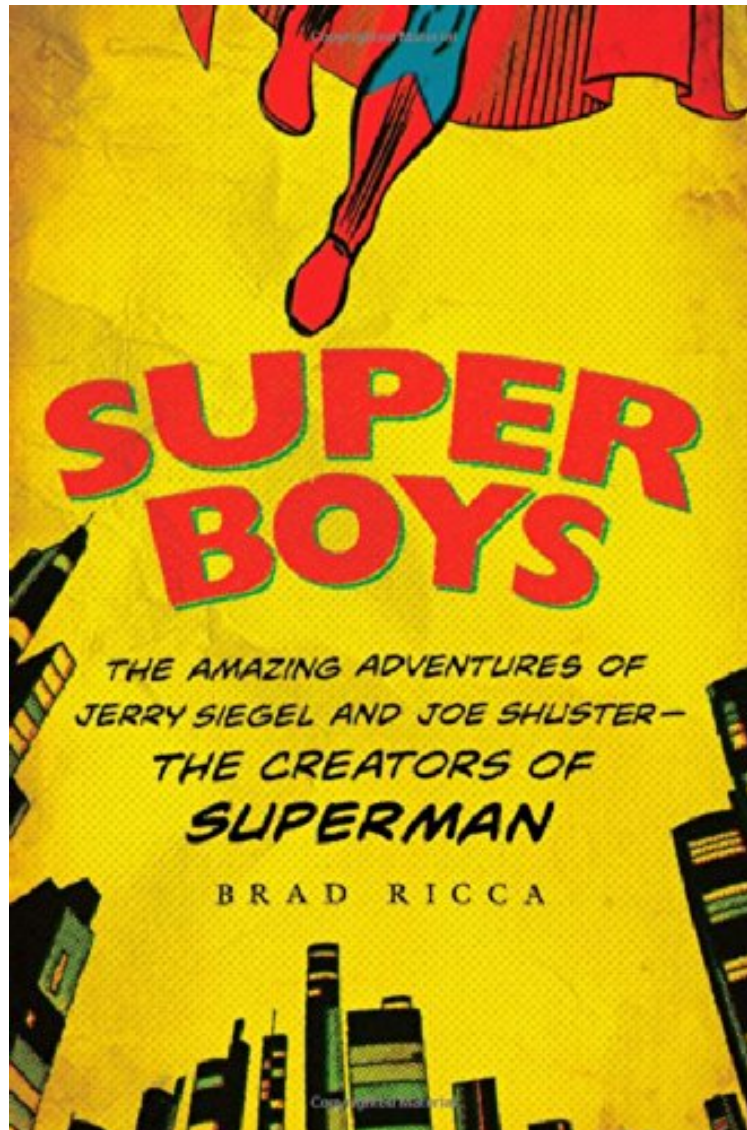


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Brad Ricca : Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster--the Creators of Superman before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster--the Creators of Superman:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Everything you ever wanted to know about Siegel Shuster but were afraid to ask!By Delmo Walters Jr.I read Gerard Jones' "Men of Tomorrow" and Marc Tyler Nobleman's "Boys of Steel" which covered the same ground and were very good but this book, 10 years in the making, is amazing! So much detail you wonder if the author spun around the world at super speed and turned back time in order to follow the events as they occurred. Thanks to years of being a Superman fan and reading the aforementioned books I knew enough about Jerry and Joe but I knew nothing about their early years, Jerry's wartime service, Joe's post Superman work, Jerry's Marvel work, and their days after getting the pension from DC/Warner Bros. Unless Jerry and/or Joe kept some journals of some kind that have yet to be unearthed, I think it may be safe to say that this will be the final word on their lives. If you're a Superman fan or of comic book history, this is required reading.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. SUPER BOYS is a Super Read.By Model RailroaderSuper Boys is a great read. Not only do you get the whole picture over an extended time frame you also are provided the behind the scenes view. The human element makes it an emotional read. Regardless of your age the story is universal and due to its "Everyman" characteristic the saga appeals of all readers. This is one book that will not disappoint.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. My mother was there when it all began.By Susan T. SmithI grew up in Cleveland listening to my mother tell us about how she sat in study hall with Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster as they wrote the beginnings of Superman. Sharing her friendship with these two talented and creative boys was a highlight of my childhood. When I saw that the book came out, I was fascinated to hear more about this story. It was everything I expected. The most enlightening part of this saga was the detailed philosophy of Superman's character and the differences between him and other super heroes Growing up in Cleveland and listening to stories from someone who was actually there as it all began was huge., Reading the book was like hearing the later parts of my mother's life story. Thank you Brad Ricca for your extraordinary research and story telling.

In time for the 75th anniversary of the Man of Steel, comes the first comprehensive literary biography of Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, creators of the DC Comics superhero Superman and the inspiration for Michael Chabon's *Kavalier and Clay* Drawing on ten years of research in the trenches of Cleveland libraries, boarded-up high schools, and secret, private collections, and a love of comic books, Brad Ricca's *Super Boys* is the first ever full biography about Superman's creators. Among scores of new discoveries, the book reveals the first stories and pictures ever published by the two, where the first Superman story really came from, the real inspiration for Lois Lane, the template for Superman's costume, and much, much more. *Super Boys* also tracks the boys' unknown, often mysterious lives after they left Superman, including Siegel's secret work during World War II and never-before-seen work from Shuster.*Super Boys* explains, finally, what exactly happened with the infamous check for \$130 that pulled Superman away from his creators and gave control of the character to the publisher. Ricca also uncovers the true nature of Jerry's father's death, a crime that has always remained a mystery. *Super Boys* is the story of a long friendship between boys who grew to be men and the standard that would be impossible for both of them to live up to.

From Booklist*Starred * Spanning nearly a century, this is the story of a would-be sf writer and tireless self-promoter (Siegel) and his more subdued but very talented schoolmate (Shuster), who created a superhero and, quite by accident, kick-started the immature comic-book industry and revolutionized sf. Then, thanks to one ill-considered decision made before anybody knew how popular or profitable Superman was going to be, they nearly lost all connection to the hero theyd created. Ricca reveals the true story of Supermans creation (the Man of Steel was the product of roughly equal parts imagination and clever repurposing of preexisting ideas) and goes into great detail about Siegel and Shusters protracted, often heartbreaking legal battle to reclaim ownership of their character. After the pairs contract to produce Superman stories expired, Shuster faded into relative obscurity, but Siegel kept his hand in the comics industry, even returning to the Superman character in the late 1950s as an uncredited scripter. Ricca tells their post-Superman stories with compassion and just a hint of righteous indignation. How dare Supermans publishers, who were making millions of dollars, cast aside his creators? At the end of this account, when Siegels and Shusters names are finally restored to the character, four decades after his creation, readers might find themselves leaping out of their chairs and cheering. A wonderful book, as exciting as Michael Chabons *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* (2000), which was, of course, inspired by Siegel and Shuster, and as gripping as Sean Howes excellent *Marvel Comics: The Untold Story* (2012). --David Pitt A wonderful book, as exciting as Michael Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*. Booklist, starred boxed reviewAn admirably thorough account of Siegel and Shuter's long struggle to get their creation published...That they came up with the first bona fide superhero, thus helping change popular culture and sowing the seeds of a multi-million dollar industry, is a remarkable accomplishment, which Ricca recounts grippingly. The New York Times Book Compulsively readable... Ricca's comprehensive biography reveals the turmoil and creative genius that led to our most enduring superhero, the Man of Steel. Publishers WeeklyThoroughly researched... speaks to the treatment of artists by corporate America and its relationship to truth and justice. Written in a breezy, accessible style, this title will have wide appeal, especially to those whose views on the American way were shaped by comics, television shows, and movies featuring the Man of Steel. Library JournalThe title *Super Boys* says it all . . .

the truly amazing biography of two of the most important names in popular fiction. Stan Lee An American icon drawn with compassion and verve. A must read for heroes everywhere. Jeph Loeb, author of *Superman For All Seasons* and writer/producer of *Smallville* No square panels or word balloons can contain Ricca's gripping effervescence: it's headier than a bird or a plane or a speeding bullet. Tracy Daugherty, author of *Just One Catch* Beautiful and heartbreaking. Brad Meltzer, New York Times bestselling author As a citizen of the modern world, you need to read this book. Neal Adams About the Author BRAD RICCA earned his Ph.D. in English from Case Western Reserve University where he currently teaches. He has spoken on comics at various schools and museums, and he has been interviewed about comics topics by *The New York Daily News*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *All Things Considered* on NPR. His film *Last Son* won a 2010 Silver Ace Award at the Las Vegas International Film Festival. He lives in Cleveland, Ohio.