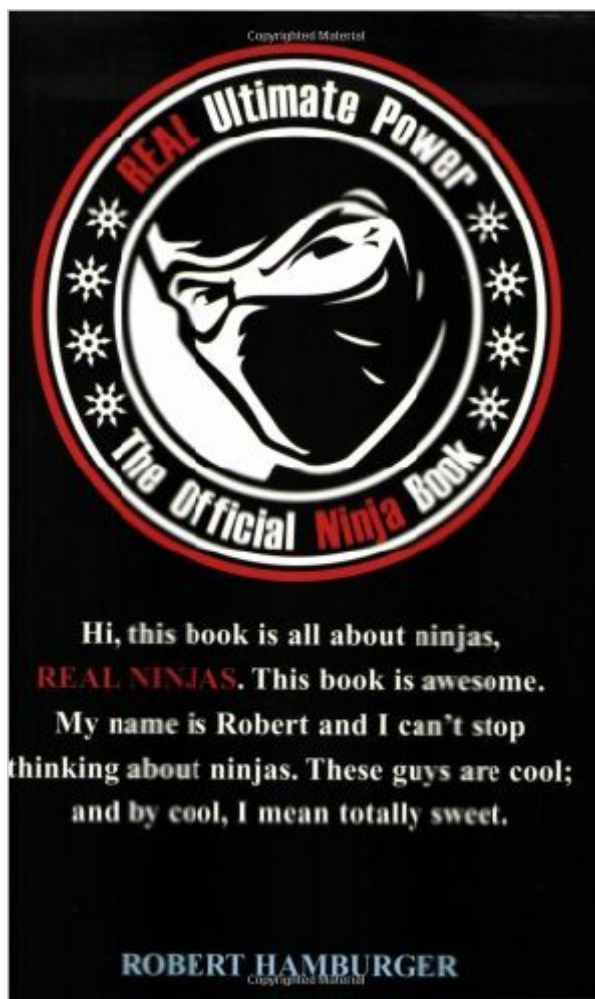


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REAL Ultimate Power: The Official Ninja Book



Synopsis

- The Real Ultimate Power website is a phenomenon, attracting more than 9.2 million visitors- 20,000 fans have already joined the site's mailing list- Will appeal to fans of Of Our Dumb Century by The Onion and The Darwin Awards by Wendy Northam and Get Your War On by David Rees and Colson Whitehead

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Customer Reviews

Ever have an obsession when you were a kid? Something you loved so much that you couldn't stop talking about it to anyone and everyone? Multiply that by 100 and you get Robert Hamburger, the fictional author/protagonist of the book. While the book is primarily made up of the same material that is posted on the website, the true point of the book is hidden in it's footnotes. Through conversations with his babysitter/co-writer, dog, parents and psychologist, we follow Robert's story and delve into the psyche of a pretty messed up little kid. What a lot of people dont seem to get is that the book, like the site, isn't actually about Ninjas. It's not REALLY a ninja hand guide, or a history lesson. The point isnt to educate, the point is to tell the story of a troubled kid who buries himself in a ninja fantasy in order to escape his negligent parents, over-critical teachers and to compensate for his lack of friends. As a kid we all had times when we wished we could run away to the circus, or could go live in outer space, or whatever, because we felt like we couldn't indentify with anyone.. this book is simply the story of a kid going through that kind of period in his life. And for everyone that claims that the website and the book may cause kids to "flip out and kill each other," I believe that the book actually encourages the exact opposite. Robert is facsinated with killing and violence because it's what he wants to do to the people that have hurt him in his life, or

he wants to find a ninja friend to do it... hell, we've seen children and young adults in this situation before a few years back, and we've seen the consequences of such pent up anger.

I bought this book after reading the hilarious "Real Ultimate Power" website, and I expected to find an extension of the humourous made-up encyclopedia of ninja knowledge. Indeed, the book does contain most of the website's content, and a wealth of new ninja-based content. However, there is a far deeper and darker story going on between the lines that gives the reader much more than they bargained for. This is the story of an unhappy child. Nobody understands him, and he understands nobody. Feeling neglected by his dysfunctional parents and shunned by his peers, Robert both hides and expresses himself within his own fantasy world. Ninjas are like his imaginary friends, his heroes, and his outlet for revenge fantasies. As Robert descends further into his world, real life events are distorted and exaggerated, and eventually Robert comes to the conclusion that there is only one way out. It is a surprisingly dark and serious book, but definitely with some hilarious moments, usually coming from Robert's unique way of describing and relating to characters and events. If you buy it looking for more of the insane ninja-related ramblings of the website, you won't be disappointed - but this book doesn't let you get away with just laughing at Robert's craziness. Prepare to be taken down the slippery slope as Robert's grip on his life is eroded. There are moments where your laughter is stopped short when you realise what Robert is getting at, and the realisation that this isn't going to end well is a powerful one. All in all, this is destined to be a cult classic. It might not get through to everyone, and it is doomed to be misunderstood by people who take it at face value, much the same as the website.

I don't typically bother with writing reviews, but there are so many utterly moronic people out there I can't believe it. To anybody out there who thought we should "do research on the author of this book" and "remember 9/11", please get a life. I remember 9/11 just fine, and that day really hurt and still does, but IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS BOOK, idiot. First of all, the articles on Robert's site ARE NOT REAL. I REPEAT: THEY ARE NOT REAL! Nice job on your research, dumba\$\$, you look like a complete fool. A simple giveaway would be clicking any of the links on the side of the "MSN" article. All the links are DEAD and wouldn't go ANYWHERE related to Microsoft even if they weren't. Try looking at the links, moron. If there are actually kids out there hurting themselves and/or other people because of this, then HEY PARENTS, I have an IDEA: DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN! I'm the father of a very active 5 year old boy. He's a pretty hyped up little soldier, but I'll be damned if he ever hurts someone. He'd be punished and that would be the end of that - and he

KNOWS that so he keeps his cool most of the time. Kids are not in control, parents are. Somewhere along the way in this screwed up world parents lost sight of that. If your kids are out of control, it's your own damned fault, not Robert Hamburger's. Nice try using whoever you can as a scapegoat, though. Who said his site or book were for kids anyway? Anyway, I digress. The website rules, the book is HILARIOUS. If you have ANY sense of humour at ALL, pick it up! All you people claiming this is a disgrace to Ninjitsu or whatever, just loosen up, for crying out loud. I respect your love of the arts, but this is just a funny little website/book that brings humour into our lives. Relax, have some fun.

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