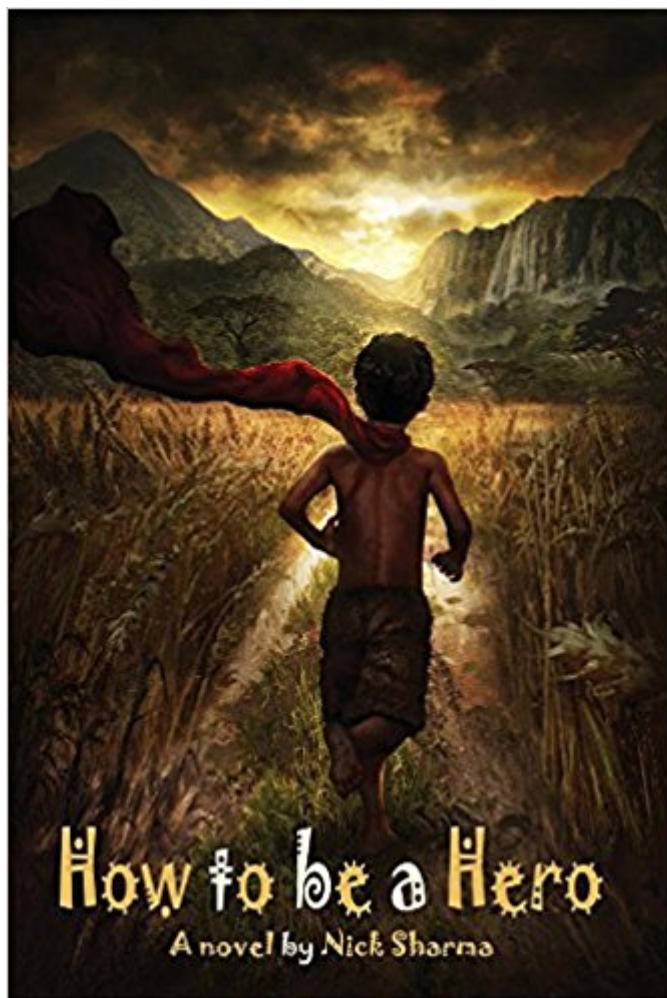


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# How To Be A Hero



## Synopsis

Join Amith as he heads on a quest to become a hero to save one of his most beloved family members. **How to be a Hero** is a magical realism tale about a young, brash little boy named Amith. He and his best friend Shaneel play together in the streets of their isolated, poverty-stricken village in India. They sneak through alleyways and sit on top of walls to get glimpses of movies that inspire their clever fantasies. Because, in their minds, they are not kids, they are heroes. So they dream like only children can, imagining stories and creating wondrous illusions of being heroes just to escape the sickness and death that surround them. But then, death makes its presence felt, as someone very close becomes ill, and the kids once imagined skills are put to the real test. After being inspired by a movie that they think is real, they venture out into the foreboding Indian Jungle to find the Holy Grail to cure them of their troubles. But they are not alone. Accompanying them is a lonely, love-stricken, relentless little girl, named Karishma, who leads them into the depths of the darkness. And it is in this abyss-like mysterious and unending jungle where they are taken to their very limits. Friendships are on the line, bravery is put to the test, and love plays its dirty tricks, as the very real danger of reality surfaces and the kids are forced to suffer the consequences of their actions. Hopes, dreams, truth, and regret fill their minds, as they realize they are the most fragile creatures in the jungle, and they must each find out what it truly means to be a hero.

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childrens' story. How to be a Hero is the beautifully written story of little Amith, and how he sets out on a desperate mission to save a life. Amith and his friends Shaneel and Karishma live in a desperately poor village in India. Amith and his mother are among the very poor, so poor that they have almost nothing. His most prized possession is his red scarf. The most steadfast thing in his life is his mother's absolutely unwavering love. This book just sparkles with imagination and beautiful imagery. The characters are real. We feel their joy, their laughter, their heartbreak. Wow. Just... Wow. Highly recommended. "--S. Harrison (Vine Voice)

Nick Sharma, born in the Fiji islands, is a storyteller that defines his style of writing as a mixture of dreams and reality. How to be a Hero is his first novel that was adapted from Sharma's original screenplay titled The Cup. Since then, Sharma has written and continues to write a multitude of books, articles, and essays on the human spirit. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This book is very entertaining, beautifully written, and colorfully described. As I read this, I felt very close to each character as if I knew them personally. Anyone who remembers their childhood can recall having the same imagination and big dreams as the main character, Amith. Very well put together and very impressive for a first time author. I am looking forward to reading more novels by Nick Sharma in the future!

This book really showed how hope can lead us to a wonderful path in our lives as well as disastrous paths as well. It is all part of growing up and hanging on that makes a hero. It has that magic, that playful charm, but also it's real and true to life. One of the best I've ever read.

This book is full of children's adventures both real and imagined. The author does a great job of creating vibrant imagery. It was spellbinding and hard to put down.

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It's an amazing story about a little boy named Amith with a big imagination. With his best friend Shaneel they imagine everything from fighting space aliens in a futuristic battle, to having a shootout with a no good varmint cowboy in a small western town. An absolute pleasure to read from start to finish. I definitely recommend this book.

Captivating fantasy for one who seeks to believe and survive in this life, whatever it is. I recommend this book.

Maybe better for a young teen but not that interesting of a read for an adult. Found book to be on the boring side.

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