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Superman's origins have been imagined and reimagined over the years. Here is a new take on the character's roots. Busiek and Immonen start with mild-mannered teen Clark Kent, who, after years of being kidded about his name, suddenly discovers that he has powers like those of his fictional namesake. He feels obligated to use his capabilities for good but realizes that, to live a normal life, he has to operate in secret, performing his superfeats covertly. His precautions prove insufficiently protective, however, and government agents investigating the existence of a real-life superhero have ominous plans for him. Busiek here uses the same trick--setting characters with fantastic powers in a "real-life" world closely resembling that of readers--that has made his *Astro City* a critical favorite, and Immonen greatly aids him with quietly powerful, realistic artwork. Superman has remained popular for nearly 70 years because of the appeal of having powers "far beyond those of mortal men." Busiek gives us a glimpse of what actually possessing them would probably entail, taking a cue from the contemporary superheroic slogan, "With great power comes great responsibility." *Gordon Flagg*

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### Review

SFX Magazine Feb 2005: "...moving, smart and stirring."; The Leeds Guide 26th Jan-10th Feb 2005: "...a fascinating story...Immonen's artwork suits the story perfectly..."

### About the Author

Kurt Busiek has been writing comics professionally since three days before he graduated from college in 1982, when he sold a "Tales of the Green Lantern Corps" backup story that appeared in "Green Lantern #162." Since then, he's worked on just about everything from "Action Comics" to "Zot!," including runs on "Avengers," "Superman," "Conan" and others, and has co-created "Thunderbolts," "The Autumnlands," "Arrowsmith" and more. He's best known for his work on the multiple-award-winning "Marvels" and "Astro City."

Stuart Immonen has illustrated Fantastic Four and, like Dan Jurgens, is best known for both writing and drawing the adventures of Superman.

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