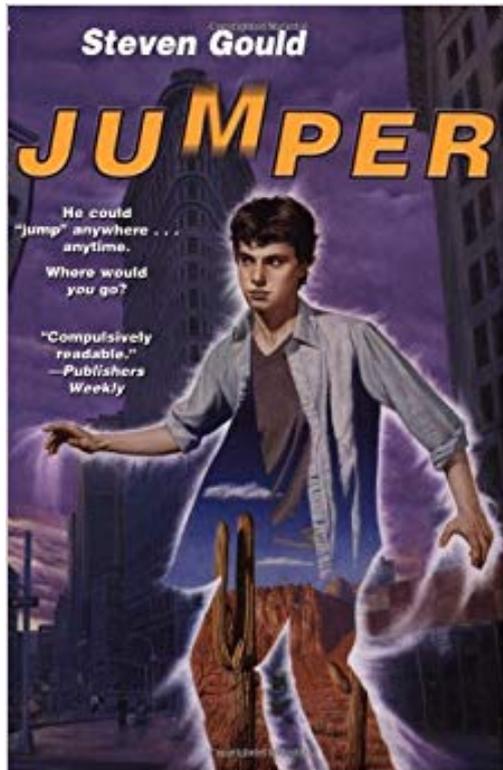


## Jumper: A Novel *by* Steven Gould



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Deciding he's finally had enough abuse from his drunken father and determined to get away-any way he can-Davy discovers he has the ability to teleport anywhere he wants. Fleeing to New York but desperately short of cash he "jumps" into a bank vault. While living the high life in the Big City on the stolen money and testing the limits of his power, Davey makes another startling discovery: the mother he thought had abandoned him. But a new tragedy and a pledge to avenge the loss will plunge Davy into a dangerous and mysterious world of terrorists and government espionage. This time there may be no safe place for the Jumper.



## Reviews of the *Jumper: A Novel* *by* Steven Gould

Ceck

I liked the movie. I thought it was fun. It eventually led me to read this book. I think the book is of its time. It reads like a young adult novel, with an emphasis on the adversity in which the protagonist was raised. I read it to the end, always hoping it would be better. It just never panned out. It was very linear storytelling. There were no real surprises.

Obong

While I enjoyed the trip across the United States with these two characters and the unusual characters they met along the way the book never seemed to feel completely unified. Perhaps that is what the author wanted but I always felt like the three characters in the story—the author, the doctor and the brain—never connected fully. Still an enjoyable read with all kinds of insights into the life of Albert Einstein to research.

Androlhala

A good book which I kept thinking "I wish it were better". This is an amazing story which kept my attention, but something is missing and I cannot put my finger on it. I wanted to tell the story my way, which, with a great author, you should never have that feeling.

Mora

David Rice is a highly intelligent, well read, seventeen year old boy, who has been physically and verbally abused by his father for years. Abandoned by his mother, Mary, when he was twelve, because David's father, her husband, also battered her, David decides that he cannot take any more abuse. In a moment of great personal angst, he discovers that he can teleport himself to a safe place. So, begins a new life for David and a most excellent adventure for the reader.

David, to his own amazement, can teleport, but there there is a method to the madness, which he soon discovers. His new ability, however, enables him to not have to return home. He, instead, starts a new life for himself, one which the reader will enjoy sharing, as his new found ability, which he calls "jumping", leads to many interesting situations. Some of the situations in which he gets involved turn him into an unusual sort of super hero. Inventive and absorbing, this is a very special coming of age story that will keep the reader turning the pages.

The only problem with the book is that many of David's initial problems, while on his own, arise out of his lack of a social security number. This is a highly unlikely case scenario, because David would have needed a social security number for some of the standardized tests a student is required to take, as the social security number would act as the student's identification number. Moreover, his father would have needed David's social security number in order to claim him as a deduction on his income tax return. This is, however, the only false note in this otherwise totally delightful tale of a young man with powers of teleportation and the ways in which he puts his ability to use.

Efmprof

Enjoyed the authors writing style and will read more from him. Book subject was very interesting and I appreciated the history lessons interspersed.

So glad I bought the book. Chuckled out loud a few times too

Hidden Winter

I initially skipped this book because I had seen the movie, and I read reflex. It was such an absorbing book that I decided to start at the beginning by reading Jumper. I was really surprised at how different this book was from the movie. It was so, so , so much better than the movie.

It was completely absorbing and the well-developed characters were so different from those depicted in the movie. In the movie, Davie was not all that likeable. In the book, Davie was a character anyone could relate to and feel for. The reader really gets hooked into caring about him. There are some major plot differences from the movie (don't want to give too much away), and I wish they had created the movie from the book. It was so much more believable and interesting.

I couldn't put this book down. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves sci-fi adventure, even if you've seen the movie!

Bukelv

I enjoyed this short novel, and read it quickly, even though other responsibilities beckoned. That is what I wish for in a book. It moves quickly, and kept me turning the pages. The main premise is a stretch, but once you accept that, the story unfolds with interesting twists and turns. Davy is a believable and sympathetic person, although he tends to whine too much at times. He uses his gift in some clever and unusual ways. There are no weighty concepts or philosophies here, just a satisfying adventure tale.

I have not seen the film version, but from the reviews I have concluded that the studio abandoned the plot at an early stage, and made up a story of their own. The book does have a plot, and only a few unbelievable elements. If you want uncomplicated science fiction that will keep you interested, Steven Gould is a name to remember.

This was an excellent read. The book was well paced and the characters showed both growth and intelligence. Davy's life is not an easy one. His father is an alcoholic and violent man, and his mother left him and Davy when her husband almost killed her.

Then one day Davy makes an amazing discovery. He can teleport! It doesn't solve all his problems, but it does give him a freedom the rest of us can only dream about. If you ever wanted your own transporter beam - well, this guy has it.

The latter half of the book made me glad that terrorist actions on public transport are quite rare these days, and I would have hated to live through the rash that Davy went through at the end. That was the only part of the book that kind of jarred with me. That \*so many\* terrorist actions took place in such a short period.

Aside from that, these characters really do grow on you and easily carry you to the end of the novel.

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