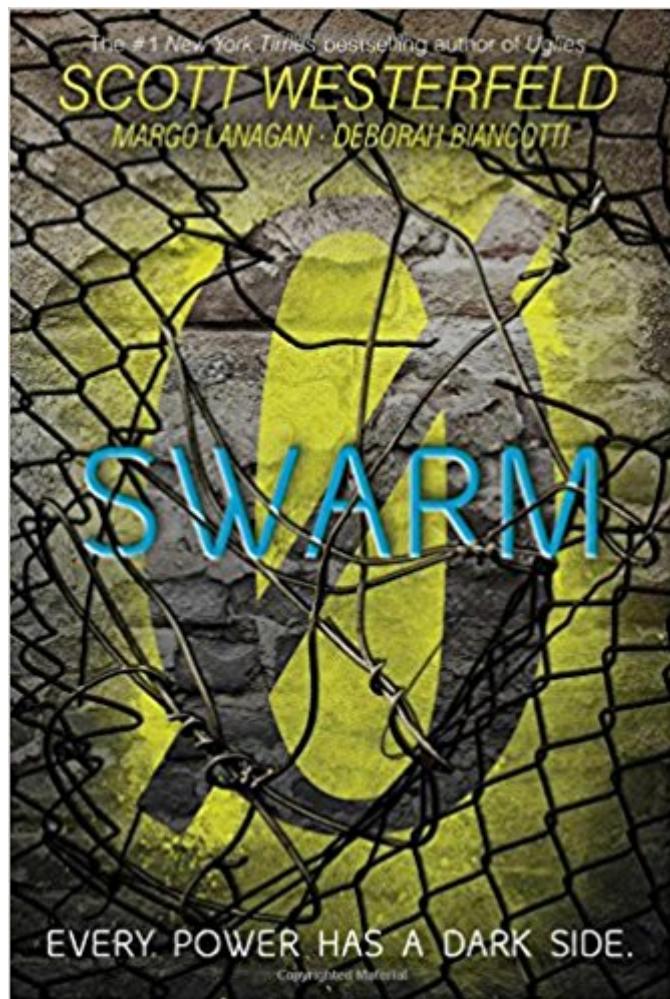


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# Swarm (Zeroes)



## Synopsis

X-Men meets Heroes when New York Times bestselling author Scott Westerfeld teams up with award-winning authors Margo Lanagan and Deborah Biancotti in the second book of an explosive new trilogy about a group of teens with amazing abilities. They thought they'd already faced their toughest fight. But there's no relaxing for the reunited Zeroes. These six teens with unique abilities have taken on bank robbers, drug dealers, and mobsters. Now they're trying to lay low so they can get their new illegal nightclub off the ground. But the quiet doesn't last long when two strangers come to town, bringing with them a whole different kind of crowd-based chaos. And hot on their tails is a crowd-power even more dangerous and sinister. Up against these new enemies, every Zero is under threat. Mob is crippled by the killing-crowd buzz. Is she really evil at her core? Flicker is forced to watch the worst things a crowd can do. Crash's conscience and her heart get a workout. Anon and Scam must both put family loyalties on the line for the sake of survival. And Bellwether's glorious-leader mojo deserts him. Who's left to lead the Zeroes into battle against a new, murderous army?

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Gr 9 Up •This addition to the series starts off with the Zeroes working on a new project: a nightclub to experiment with their powers. It's reasonably safe, if not exactly legal. Unfortunately,

their plans are disrupted by the arrival of two new teens with supernatural abilities— and unlike the original crew, these guys are not dedicated to using their powers for good. What's more, one of them, nicknamed Swarm, may be more powerful than all of the original Zeroes. If they don't work together and learn to control their powers, the results could be deadly. Like the first volume, this novel can feel weighed down by a large cast and multiple points of view, but the Zeroes continue to be relatable as they struggle to do the right thing even when they are in over their heads, and the fast-paced action keeps the pages turning. VERDICT Fans of the first book will not be disappointed by the latest installment in the saga.—Eliza Langhans, Hatfield Public Library, MA

Scott Westerfeld is the author of the Leviathan series, the first book of which was the winner of the 2010 Locus Award for Best Young Adult Fiction. His other novels include the New York Times bestseller Afterworlds, the worldwide bestselling Uglies series, The Last Days, Peeps, So Yesterday, and the Midnighters trilogy. Visit him at ScottWesterfeld.com or follow him on Twitter at @ScottWesterfeld. Margo Lanagan has been publishing stories for children, young adults and adult readers for twenty-five years. She has won numerous awards, including four World Fantasy Awards. Two of her books have been Michael L. Printz Honor books and she has been shortlisted for the Hugo and Nebula awards and for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in the young adult division. Visit Margo at her blog, AmongAmidWhile.Blogspot.com, or follow her on Twitter at @MargoLanagan. Deborah Biancotti has written two short story collections, Bad Power and A Book of Endings. She's been nominated for the Shirley Jackson Award and the William L. Crawford Award for Best First Fantasy Book. You can find her online at DeborahBiancotti.com or on Twitter at @Deborah\_B.

This book is just as amazing as the first in the series. The characters are just as interesting and intense...although the balance of time spent on each one isn't quite as perfect as in the original. However, the writing is tight and compelling, and the storyline grips you from moment one. And this isn't one of those stories where the heroes go on an adventure and at the end everything resets to the status quo. This scenario is a game-changer for the characters and you get a sense that nothing will ever be the same for them. Also, be warned; it ends with a HUGE cliffhanger. At the time of my writing this, the book just came out...so I'm looking at a minimum of a year before I get to find out what happens next. It's a testament to the strength of this story that I was online trying to figure out when book three would come out minutes after finishing book two.

Once again I find a couple of books that border on different. I feel a jolt for the characters as the stories grow. Find myself let down by how these kids with these powers. Let me down there could be so much more. I would read a third in hopes it gets better. Why now does there have to be a lesbian relationship or gay. In every book every story every script please...

In Nate's words: mierda guys!!! When's the next book coming out?? I really, really loveee everything Scott writes and these books are just wonderful. This one was so much more intense than the first one, and I think that the storyline was clearer in this one. But, what the heck? Those last chapters were like a GOT season finale, only ten times worst!! I really can't wait for the next one to come out!!

This follow up book to Zeroes brings our heroes back six months later as they are learning to work their powers together as a team. We get a little more background on Anon, which is interesting. Also three new Zeroes are introduced. It will be interesting to see how the third installment of this series plays out.

This book is a great addition to the zeroes series. The new addition of characters and development of former characters leads to a great plot that leaves the reader in suspense with every page

Co authors make this a weak work. Sloppy and confusing, sometimes boring. Not up to Westerfeld's typical standards.

Good second book to the first. Of course the end... leads to a 3rd.... so let's get publishing

my son loved this book he is 13 and now he can't wait for the next one to come out

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