

Challenge of the Superfriends!

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Surely the Superfriends were the greatest team ever to grace Saturday morning television screens. They swiftly handled any misguided mad scientist or villainous scheme to come their way. Each of the puzzles below honors a member (or members) of the Superfriends. The number in parentheses following the hero's (or heroes') name gives the number of letters in the answer you're looking for. Combine these answers to determine what was the Superfriends' greatest challenge.

Superman (6)

He's got other identities besides Clark Kent.

ACE CHR EEV ELE ERR ESU HEQ IST IVT MAN OPH PER RPE TFO UES

ALL GSM LIN MEN TOM VIL WEL LE

AND CLA DEA INL NCA OIS TFI RK

ANR BRA ERM ETU FTY NDO NRO RNS SUP UTH

ANA ERM GEO HEM MEN NDT OLE REE RGE SIX SUP VES

Batman and Robin (6)

Before the Boy Wonder, Batman had some other sidekicks....

1. This sidekick helped Batman stop Mr. Freeze's plan to turn Oberon and Titania's realm into an ice hockey rink (and he even did some light housekeeping while Alfred was away!). (*-*-5-*-*-*11-*-**)
2. She used her professional sidekick experience to assist the Caped Crusader in foiling King Tut's attempt to become "King of all Media". (*-*-*-12-*-*4)
3. When Batman was trapped in Arkham Asylum, this sidekick helped him perform a "prison break"; she also used her knowledge of the "craft" to stop magical villains. (8-*-*6-*-*)
4. This sidekick (who was fairly proficient with a bat himself) spent much of the 1990s preventing home invasions in Chicago. (*-*-10-*-*2)
5. Always willing to take on the Joker, this sidekick used such catchphrases as "Good morning, Gotham City!", and "Carpe diem, Batman!". (1-*-*-*-*7)
6. She helped Batman see through the Riddler's use of iocane powder and also taught him that life was like a box of chocolates. (*-*-9-*-*3 *-*-**)

Wonder Woman (7)

But is she still the mightiest Amazon?

- [5 8] is one of two major novels that outlines her entire philosophy while trying to show how it would be applied. That is why this book deserves a 5 star rating. Any philosopher can give generic ideas with no application. [The author] puts it all on the line to show exactly how she means her philosophy to be interpreted.
- I too was surprised by [5 3'1 5]. I'd expected a poorly written melodrama with (at best) a tepid commitment to abolition and a strong undercurrent of racism. I was wrong. As a novel, I consider it to be better than many of its rough contemporaries (including "A Tale of Two Cities," "Vanity Fair," and "Sartor Resartus"). As an attack on slavery, it is uncompromising, well informed, logically sophisticated, and morally unassailable. It's also exciting, educational, and often funny.
- Indeed, [6 6] is still one of the most referenced works when it comes to environment and chemical contamination of the environment. One will understand why after reading this monumental achievement.
- I was simply floored while reading this novel. I wasn't expecting a "classic" to be so readable. Now I know what I've been missing! [2 4 1 11] is a piece of our American history that depicts racism and prejudice, childhood innocence, and the perseverance of a man who risked it all to stand up for what he believed in. Wonderful portrayal and one I will read again.
- Although people must compare her to [7], the poor girl makes it worse by exercising her very vivid imagination; putting words where none were said, and constantly imagining things that don't happen. She does not fit into this life, and Maxim isn't making it any easier. You feel very, very sad for her, as it seems it's quite impossible for her to be really happy.
- [1 4 3 3 5 4 5] is indeed autobiographical, yet it is more than that, and its importance lies not so much in its description of the author's early childhood but in the historical picture it conveys of a country split by an almost unbridgeable racial divide. This book explains more about race relations (or lack thereof) in the 20th century United States than does any textbook on sociology, psychology, or American history that I have ever come across. By portraying the development of a young Black girl as she was formed and shaped by that divide, the book gives the reader a "real world" case study of the effects of a segregated Black-White society.
- [4 2 5 6] is a spirited Orphan of the Annie vein. Young, intelligent, headstrong, and loving big BIG words, [she] comes to live with her adopted family, a spinster brother and sister. Imaginative, intelligent and lonely, [she] soon wins over her foster parents and becomes the smartest girl in school, and befriends a local girl, Diana.

Aquaman (7)

Finally, a situation where it is good to be able to manipulate fish!

E L D E E N P G A
N U S N N C E O E
I R O W L F S L E
P B O S I T W D T
U L T L O R O O I
C A T R N U L G H
R E R A I N B O W
O A S T A K C O R
P T R E V L I S E

4,4,3,5,3,7,4,4,6,6,9,7,4,6,4,3,5,5

The Wonder Twins (12, 2 wds.)

It looks like the twins' powers are going slightly haywire. As usual, Jayna transforms into an animal, and Zan becomes something made (primarily) of water. Each string below represents one such pair of transformations. Unfortunately, the names of the items have become interleaved. Furthermore, two letters (not necessarily consecutive ones) from each name have been dropped. Fortunately, those two letters are the same (and appear in the same order) in each pair. So, for example, given the string R H E N S E V O O R, you could extract the strings HNO and RESEVOR. Add R and I to both to get RHINO and RESERVOIR. Wonder Twin powers, activate!

1. L A R I L O L A N
2. S A F A M A N O E R O
3. S C A N Q U O W E N
4. M O L O C H G O E S O E (one name is 2 wds.)
5. G R L I C O E R O N
6. S A I L E A T O O N E R E