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**Title:** Thumperino Superbunny and the Pirates of the High Seas

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**Book Review**

This is a very entertaining and imaginative children's book about Thumperino Superbunny, an intellectually and physically gifted superhero who uncovers a plot involving pollution, pirates, and mysterious gems. This is the third installment in the commendable Superbunny series; an enjoyable and thoughtful adventure story.

Thumperino Superbunny poses as the typical cute and fuzzy bunny, his Clark Kent identity. But when his caretakers, the Red-Haired Lady and the Singing Man, are not around, he becomes a yellow-caped superhero with the ingenuity of a Sherlock Holmes.

Prior to leaving for vacation to St. Kitts with his caretakers, he does research on the destination (he's seemingly more internet savvy than the Red-Haired Lady). When night falls, our Superbunny leaps out of the window and flies (yes, he can fly and speak) to the local library. He then meets up with his friend Veronica who lives there as a therapy pet. They enjoy looking at old maps in the Cartography room and this proves to be useful for Thumperino's upcoming adventure in St. Kitts with the pirates. Being a bunny, Thumperino must perform his research and superhero work

in secret. Day or night, all efforts are stealth missions.

While vacationing on St. Kitts, Thumperino visits the Veterinary University, he discovers mysterious garbage dumping in the ocean, and this all culminates in a confrontation with actual pirates involved in a conspiracy. Also, amidst all of these connected events, he discovers a mysterious gem which may be a clue as to why he has such superpowers, and if there may have been others like him. Thumperino discovers that the pirates are behind the pollution and plundering, he decides to take action, but not before doing more research. This is not a thoughtless superhero that goes into a situation without any plan. He looks at cartography, researches on the internet, and has the ingenuity to get things done: things like picking a lock, using Morse Code, and operating a radio.

*Thumperino Superbunny and the Pirates of the High Seas* by, Amber L. Spradlin is a well thought out book, with nicely done illustrations, something children will enjoy. This is an adventure story but it comes with a moral - condemning pollution and of course stealing. Although this is a story about a Superbunny who can fly, speak, and breathe under water, it is his thoughtfulness and reasoning that are his strongest abilities. Because the hero is so diligent with research, the reader will learn some things along the way from this bunny or Lagomorph or perhaps a *Lepus Arcticus* descendant.