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The Wild Robot



Synopsis

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. From bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Peter Brown comes a heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I'll start off by saying that my 5 year old daughter loved this book, but I think as a work of literature, it could have been much improved from both a storytelling and structure perspective. This story is about life and in any story about life, there is joy, anger, sadness, insecurity, death, discovery, and love. This book has all of these and I found that none of these topics were too deep or too difficult for my 5 year old. Our robot "heroine" starts out as a piece of machinery and software for brains, but slowly, the wilderness starts to seep into her electronic brain and she becomes more wild as she befriends the creatures of the island. Instead of speaking the language of her makers, she learns

the language of the animals (and each animal has a slightly different language -- my daughter was particularly amused by the fish) and soon overcomes her image as a monster. Through her interactions with the other animal inhabitants of the island, she learns what it means to be a friend and what it means to be a mother. And while our robot heroine Roz is not alive, she becomes "alive" and finds that the island has become her home; the animals have become her family and friends. The story explores many of themes of community and friendship and I think these topics are particularly suited for young kids who may be changing schools or starting school for the first time and meeting new friends. They may feel like outsiders, like an alien coming into a new environment with so much to learn and discover. Why don't they like me? What if they think I'm weird? What if no one wants to play with me? How can I overcome our differences? What if people pick on me? How can I make new friends?

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