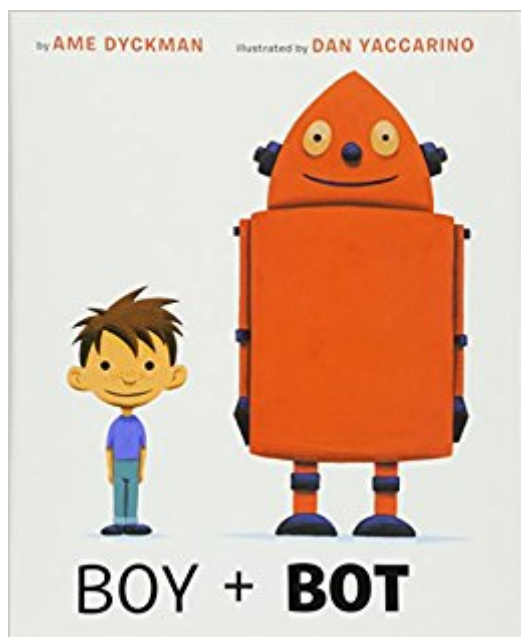


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# Boy And Bot



## Synopsis

One day, a boy and a robot meet in the woods. They play. They have fun. But when Bot gets switched off, Boy thinks he's sick. The usual remedies—applesauce, reading a story—don't help, so Boy tucks the sick Bot in, then falls asleep. Bot is worried when he powers on and finds his friend powered off. He takes Boy home with him and tries all his remedies: oil, reading an instruction manual. Nothing revives the malfunctioning Boy! Can the Inventor help fix him? Using the perfect blend of sweetness and humor, this story of an adorable duo will win the hearts of the very youngest readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** Is any love greater than that between a boy and his robot? While picking pinecones, a boy meets a bright-red, rocket-shaped robot and asks, "Want to play?" "Affirmative!" the robot responds, and the pair has tons of fun until a rock bumps the robot's power switch off. Not understanding the bot's unresponsiveness, the boy wheels him home and begins feeding him applesauce, reading him a story, and crafting a makeshift bed. When the boy's parents, unaware of a robot behind the door, check on their son, the door bumps the robot's power switch back on. Not distinguishing the boy's

unresponsiveness as sleep, the robot, in a humorous reversal, fears the boy has malfunctioned and carries him back to his laboratory, where he gives him oil and begins to prepare a new battery. When, just in time, the not-evil-at-all inventor shows up to put things right. The spare text (“Boy! You-are-fixed!”) replicates the steady beats of the simple yet comedic story, while Yaccarino’s expressive, quirky, and humorously geometric gouache illustrations make the boy and robot’s relationship all the more endearing. The final, nearly wordless pages, with snapshots of the friends at play, are priceless. Preschool-Grade 1. --Angela Leeper

Starred Review, Booklist, April 1, 2012: “The final, nearly wordless pages, with snapshots of the friends at play, are priceless.” Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews, February 15, 2012: “Dyckman’s debut offers pitch-perfect pacing and gentle humor. As Boy and Bot would say, it’s affirmative that this book will be a hit.” Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, February 6, 2012: “Dyckman’s pared-down prose gives the role-reversal story just enough drama, humor, and robot-inflected dialogue to keep children entertained for many re-readings.” Review, The New York Times Book Review (online edition), April 11, 2012: “It’s a perfectly adorable, age-appropriate friendship. And it’s simply impossible to imagine a 4-year-old boy not wanting to be friends with this book.” Kids’ Indie Next List, Summer 2012

Great fun story. Great illustrations. The words aren’t that long. Great little short story. Perfect for bedtime.

Sweet book. My boys love a book read with a robot voice. I would say age range is 3-7.

My 2-year-old developed a fear of robots (no idea why, just one of those things) and I wanted to help him get over his fear by showing him an example of robots being “nice”. I found this book. He really likes it, asking to read it nightly. This is a simple and easy-to-understand book for him which teaches concepts of caring for others and being friends with those who are different than you. It’s the perfect length so that he doesn’t get bored by too many words. I also bought him a robot shirt, and I think he is starting to get over his fear.

The illustrations and story is great. Perfect for an early reader.

I give this 4.5 stars! A sweet, simple story of unlikely but unhesitant friendship between Boy and his new robot friend, Bot. The author follows a fantastic story arc, letting us meet characters on page one, introducing conflict by page 4, and allowing the characters a few opportunities to solve the conflict for each other. Everything about this story is sweet. I love the reciprocal actions between Boy and Bot, each "helping" in his own way and as he best knows how. The illustrations are bright and simple, yet beautiful and telling. My preschooler LOVES to re-read this book, which adds to its longevity and value.

precious book!

A delightful, sweet story with charming drawings and a deep moral. Often in loving relationships when something is wrong with our friend or partner, we tend to try to love them in the ways WE want to be loved, rather than the ways THEY want to be loved. So when the Robot shuts off, the boy tries to give him chicken soup etc. When the boy falls asleep the robot thinks he is malfunctioning and tries to give him motor oil and replace his battery. Love comes from learning that sometimes our friends need different things than we do, and thats ok, and even two different friends can have a great time together and be the best of friends.

This is a great story about the friendship between a boy and a robot. My 3 year old son loves this book. He asks for it every night. It is also the first book that he will try and tell me the story. The illustrations are bright and simple. The story is very cute and my son loves robot talk "affirmative." I would definitely recommend this book to anyone with small children, especially if they love robots.

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