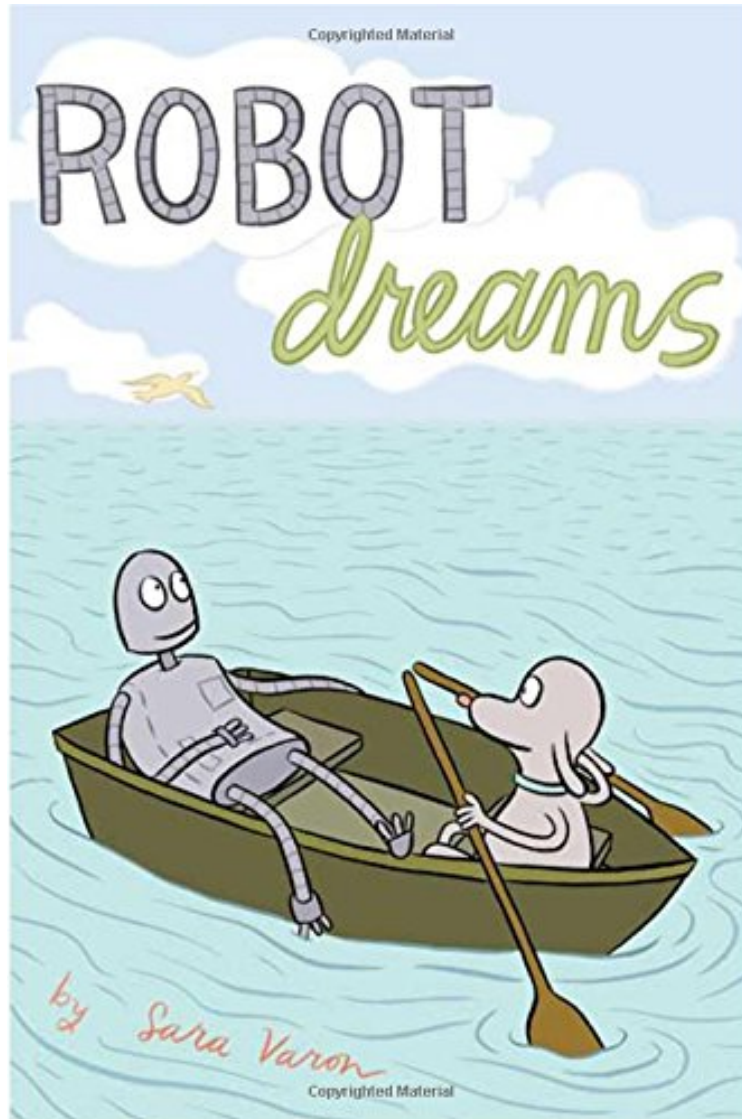


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**Sara Varon : Robot Dreams** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Robot Dreams:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Tearjerker ExtraordinaireBy rlwn1 This story took me by surprise. With no words and written for children I thought it would be mildly amusing to sort through. It turned out wonderfully. The basic storyline is this. Lonely dog buys and assembles robot, robot and dog become best friends, and then one day their friendship unexpectedly ends and they are then forced to move on with their lives. The book chronicles the two of them making this happen. They each find happiness but neither is forgotten in the heart of the

other. This is shown in a heartbreaking way and I cried after reading this book. ( a lot!) It's currently one of my favorites. I'd give it 10 stars if I could.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I bought it from a interview based on an interview from Oregon Public Broadcasting...By BrokenspokeGreat book, glad I bought it, maybe a little melancholy, but if you read a book and give it a little thought.....3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An oasis of sweetness in a sometimes arid worldBy Tim LukemanAdd my 5 stars to all the others here! I first came across Sarah Varon's work through her slim volume "Sweaterweather," and immediately recognized her remarkable gift as a comics artist. But as delightful as that first collection was, this is absolutely wonderful. All-ages in the best sense of the word, adults will enjoy this nearly wordless graphic novel as much as children -- but any child should embrace it wholeheartedly.On the surface it's a story about a dog his robot friend, filled with expressive faces often funny situations. But it's far more than that, heading into bittersweet, thoughtful territory that explores the nature of friendship. Both Dog Robot grow quite a bit by the time we reach the final pages, and they're both better for it. It's a truly sweet story, without ever becoming maudlin or cloying.Sometimes I despair about the condition of the modern world ... then a small jewel like this comes along, reassuring me that there's more than bad news to life. A perfect book for any child ... but don't hesitate to buy a copy for yourself!

A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the YearA PW Best Book of the Year An ALSC Notable Childrens BookA YALSA Great Graphic NovelThis moving, charming graphic novel about a dog and a robot shows us in poignant detail how powerful and fragile relationships are. After a Labor Day jaunt to the beach leaves the robot rusted, immobilized in the sand, the dog must return alone to the life they shared. But the memory of their friendship lingers, and as the seasons pass, the dog tries to fill the emotional void left by the loss of his closest friend, making and losing a series of friends, from a melting snowman to epicurean anteaters. But for the robot, lying rusting on the beach, the only relief from loneliness is in dreams.

From School Library JournalStarred . Grade 3 UpDog wants a friend. Dog builds a robot. The two go to the library to get movies, and they make popcorn. They go to the beach, and the dog encourages the robot to play with him in the water. Robot is unable to move afterward because he has rusted stiff, and the dog finally leaves him there on his blanket on the sand. Seasons pass, and both Robot and Dog reflect on what happened, and both are changed because of this experience. The canine goes through a series of friendships that are unfulfilling in different ways: a duck goes south for the winter, a snowman melts, and the anteaters expect him to share their lunches. Meanwhile, the robot is lying on the beach, immobile but awake. He dreams of being rescued, of making new friends, of reuniting with Dog, of never having entered the water in the first place. While he dreams, his body is covered by sand and snow, is used for parts by scavengers, and even serves as a nesting place for a bird. This almost wordless (and dialogue-free) graphic novel is by turns funny and poignant. The cartoon artwork is clear and easy to understand. Varon uses a muted palette of earth tones with great skill. This book is like those board games that can be appreciated by anyone from 8 to 80. It is a quick read, but it will stay with readers long after they put it down.Andrea Lipinski, New York Public Library Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From Booklist\*Starred \* In this nearly wordless graphic novel, Dog's desire for a companion issatisfied the day Robot arrives by mail.Dog assembles Robot, and their adventure begins. After visiting the library, watching movies, and eating popcorn, the companions end up atthe dog beach. Robot is hesitant to frolic in the waves at first, but after a short pause, he dives right in.The result is unfortunatea rusty, immobile Robot. Unsure of what to do for his friend, remorseful Dog abandons Robot on the sand to dream ofwhat might have been (depicted first in brown tonal artwork as opposed to the color used to designate actions in real time) had things turned out differently. While Robot is used and abused, and eventually disposed of in a scrap yard, Dogagonizes over his companion, then begins searching for a new one with mixed, sometimes comic results.Varon's drawing style is uncomplicated, and her colors are clean and refreshing.Although her story line seems equally simple, it is invested with true emotion.Her masterful depiction of Dog's struggles with guilt andRobot's dreams of freedomeffectively pulls readers intothis journey of friendship, loss, self-discovery, and moving forward.Use this as Exhibit A to prove that graphic novels can pack an emotional punch equal tosomeof the bestyouth fiction. King, Kevin Tender, funny and wise. Publishers Weekly, starred reviewInvested with true emotion. Booklist, starred reviewThis almost wordless (and dialogue-free) graphic novel is by turns funny and poignant . . . it will stay with readers long after they put it down. School Library Journal, starred reviewSophisticatedly understated, with subtle gestural cues and colors in a minor key, yet the blossoming friendship between the dog and the robot is unmistakably joyful. Kirkus s"This is one of those rare pieces that truly qualifies as an all-ages graphic novel, with a wordless story (save for the occasional bits of signage, printed ephemera, and free-floating sound effects and exclamations) packed with enough droll events to engage primary-schoolers, and bittersweet observations on the mutable nature of friendships best understood by those who've been around long enough to win some and lose some. The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, Recommended BookEmotional experiences are shared without a word in this graphic novel that elicits laughter, tears, and a realization of the

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