

PRAISE FOR *THE WILD ROBOT*:

New York Times Bestseller

Amazon Best Book of the Year Top Pick

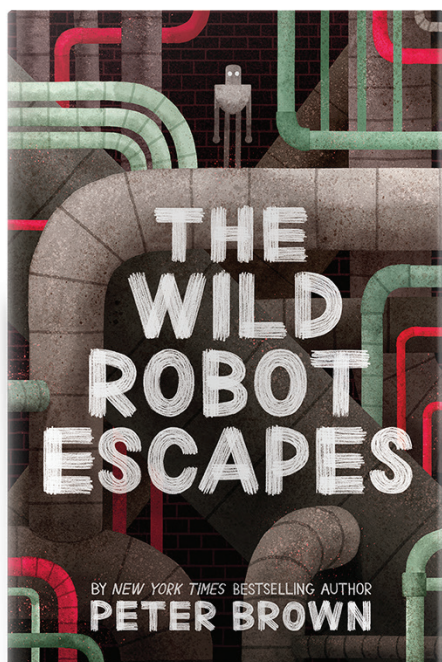
Parents Magazine Best Children's Book of the Year

Entertainment Weekly Best Middle Grade Book of the Year

Washington Post Best Children's Book of the Year

ALA Notable Book for Children

School Library Journal Best of the Year Pick



THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

Being different
Friendship
Family
Motherhood

Self-discovery
Nature versus technology
Conservation
Decision-making
Belonging

Home
Helping others
Civilization
Life cycle

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *The Wild Robot Escapes* takes place in a world that looks very similar to ours, but what are some hints that the story takes place in the future?
2. How do the illustrations shape your reading of the story? Which illustration do you like best, and why?
3. When Roz the robot arrives at her new home, she learns that she will be responsible for working on the Shareef family farm. What are some of Roz's responsibilities?
4. Even though Roz enjoys life on the farm, why does she want to leave? Talk about a time when you have faced a similar tough decision.
5. Why does Roz tell Jaya and Jad about her life on the island without revealing that they are true stories?
6. When the children find out about Roz's past and ask if she is defective, she says, "I feel...different. Is being different the same as being defective?" Jaya answers, "I don't think so or else, we're all a little defective." (page 106) What does Jaya mean?
7. Many animal characters are introduced in this book, including Coral the whale, Thud the wild ram, and Misty the skunk. Who was your favorite new character?
8. Why do the wolves attack Roz? Why does Shadow keep trying to catch Roz even though he cannot eat her?
9. Dr. Molovo tells Roz, "Roz, people are afraid of you. They saw you fleeing through the city and they think you're dangerous." (page 240) She continues, "The RECOs have never given me a single reason to worry, but you have." (page 241) What does Dr. Molovo mean?
10. When Roz is captured by Dr. Molovo, Roz asks many questions about herself such as, "Why do I fear water? Why am I female? Why was my body designed this way? Why does my computer brain know some things and not others?" (page 242) Can you think of some answers to these questions?
11. Roz finally returns home with Dr. Molovo's help, but Dr. Molovo leaves the island and says she will never come back. Why does she do this?
12. At the end of the book, the narrator states, "If you're like me, reader, you still have a lot of questions. How long will Roz live? Will she ever see another human, or another robot? What joys and sorrows lie ahead for her? Roz still had some questions too. But now she also had some answers. Our robot knew where she came from, she knew the life she was supposed to live, and she knew the life she wanted to live." (pages 270-271) Why did Peter Brown decide not to give the reader all the answers?

