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Pinky has twenty-seven stuffed animals, and Rex has twenty-seven dinosaurs. They have everything the same, and that's the way it should be with best friends. So what do they do when there's only one pink dinosaur in the museum gift shop, and they both want it? Could Pinky's pesky little sister Amanda have the answer?

## **Pinky and Rex Details**

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## From Reader Review Pinky and Rex for online ebook

### Nicole says

A boy who likes pink and a girl who likes dinosaurs!

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### Julia Jasztal says

I liked when they were fighting about the pink dinosaur.

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### Josiah says

The narrative is short, even more so than I had anticipated, but the masterful James Howe has introduced in this book some characters that hold a lot of promise. Pinky and Rex (as well as Pinky's sister, Amanda) all have well-grounded, well-defined personalities that I think will be very good for future entries to the series (of which there are twelve, to date). Pinky and Rex are different from most kids, but they also have enough things about them for us to identify with, as well.

As I said, the story is short and simple, telling the story of Pinky and Rex on their trip one day to a museum. Through this trip lessons are learned, all while giving emerging readers an opportunity to graduate from picture books to early short chapter books.

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### Benjamin says

It's always hard for young children to hear that they will be getting a new sibling. It was especially hard for Pinky, so after talking with her best friend Rex, she hatched a plan. The plan was to be the best older sister, so her parents would be grateful and not forget her. Of course her parents wouldn't forget her, but she was very worried. However, she spent so much time with the new baby, she didn't have much time to play with her friend Rex. Would she lose her friend?

Pinky is a delightful character readers will root for. While most older siblings will feel the same jealousy, Pinky deals with it in a much more positive way. By wanting to be the best older sister, and if she is able to keep it up as years go by, she and her younger brother will become great friends. They will be able rely on each other as well as support each other in the future. Pinky is a great role model for future older siblings who will be joined by a younger member.

2nd – 4th graders will learn from this story. Even though some of the themes are a bit mature for young readers, they are important topics. Adoption may be harder for the younger readers as well as discussing where babies come from, but with the right guidance from an adult, it will be helpful. I recommended 4th graders as well to read this story mostly because of the more mature themes. They will find the reading pretty simple, but again dealing with the new arrival of younger siblings and how to deal with it will be very beneficial.

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**David Abbott says**

I really enjoyed these books when I was a kid. I loved the illustrations and the fun, simple stories. I also really liked that the girl was named Rex and the boy was Pinky; I thought that was cute and great. I love seeing different representations of people in children's literature.

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**Anne says**

The gender equality push of this story was much too obvious and distracted from the story.

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**T Crockett says**

Read with a 2nd grade class.

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**Kristy says**

I like James Howe's attempt at breaking gender stereotypes, even if it is a bit obvious.

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**Dolly says**

This is the first book in the Pinky and Rex series. We've read a few of these books and we like them, but I thought this one was a bit too over-the-top with the gender role reversal between the girl, Rex, and the boy, Pinky.

I understand that this book introduces us to the characters and sets the stage for the following books, but I like that the other stories have less emphasis on the gender equality/neutralilty and more emphasis on the children's friendship.

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**JINA YU says**

Accelerated Reading Book Level: 3.1 / AR Points: 0.5

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**Calista says**

A book from the 90s for beginning readers. The gender roles are reversed here and I love that!! Pinky - he

loves pink things and Rex - the girl is into dinosaurs. Pinky's father is taking Pinky and his sister Amanda, who is younger, to the museum with Rex. They all want to see the Dinosaur's. Amanda complains about everything.

The story ends up being about sharing. They have to pull all their money together to get the toy they want and they decide to share the toy. Simple story, simple lesson.

For a book written in the 1990s, this was way ahead of its time with the gender roles. James Howe was pushing boundaries. Yet, it is a grounded story about excitement of adventure and learning. James should be more popular than he is.

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