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From Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants, and acclaimed artist Dan Santat, an out-of-this-world friendship adventure with all-new full-color illustrations!

Getting picked on by creeps at your school? Wish you had a special friend? Meet Ricky Ricotta and his giant flying Robot! Young readers will cheer as Ricky and his enormous flying Robot friend soar through the air and battle the diabolical Dr. Stinky, an evil scientist who threatens to take over the world!

Originally published in 2000, this edition features brand-new full-color illustrations throughout!

## Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot Details

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# **From Reader Review Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot for online ebook**

## **Dolly says**

This is the first book in the Ricky Ricotta series by Dav Pilkey. I thought it was interesting that he did not illustrate these books himself, although the format of the tale is very similar to his Captain Underpants books, without the silliness and toilet humor.

I get the impression that this series was meant to appeal to younger readers, be more commercially acceptable, and avoid the Banned book lists. And thus, it lacks a lot of the charm of the Tra-la-la tales.

Still, it's an entertaining and quick read and we love reading his stories. We all took turns reading this book and I think it would be a great book to get younger and/or reluctant readers excited about reading. I am sure that we'll read more of the books in this series soon.

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## **Crystal Blake says**

This one caught my eye when I was looking for something to do with my son while my daughter was at Rainbows. This son is an incredibly reluctant reader but the idea of a giant mouse robot was intriguing to him. Simple and enjoyable to read with very short well defined chapters and some very interesting artwork. Fingers crossed we might have actually found a book series that my son might read without complaint.

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## **Michael Koreis says**

This book is about a mouse named Ricky Ricotta and his best friend who is a robot originally designed to destroy their city. In this particular book, from the Mighty Robot series, Ricky is being bullied on the way to school, as well as at school. The robot ends up protecting Ricky and forever making the bullies leave him alone. The robot is also bullied by the evil scientist, Dr. Stinky, that created him and Ricky protects the robot from him. They lived happily ever after, until the next book that is. Pilkey also put an interactive section in the book, kids can flip certain pages back and forth quickly and it makes it look like the images are moving. The main lesson in this story is that bullying is not ok and it can be harmful. It also teaches that people need to stick up for the people being bullied and not let it continue.

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## **Nicola says**

Miss 3 loves Captain Underpants so I thought I'd try some of Dave Pilkey's other works. Ricky is probably a lot nicer than George and Harold; he's used to being bullied horribly but when he gets his own superhero robot he's more focussed on doing nice things than playing tricks. Some more Flip-o-rama action!

Miss 3 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to

look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

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## **Nicola Mansfield says**

Reason for Reading: Ds read aloud to me as his reader.

I used to be a snob about Dav Pilkey's books but I've gotten over that :-) My son loves anything by him. He used to take this series out of the library and \*look\* at it and now he can finally read it. And he read it very well, indeed. This is exactly his reading level. He needed help with about one word per every other page. The story is silly and fun but not babyish, making it very good for struggling older elementary kids. The Flip-o-rama pages work towards his autism. He could sit there all day flipping those pages and he reads on excitedly towards the next Flip section. This book was clean, no toilet jokes, or anything of that nature, cute, fun and exciting with robot vs giant lizard action. Ds had a blast and he'll be reading more while his interest holds for these.

Mar 2014: 've already read and reviewed this book here, when my son read it to me as his reader but a few words from my point of view. This is a much simpler read than the Captain Underwear series. Many pages only have one or two sentences of text and the reading level is lower. The story is cuter and at least, so far the humour is not of the toilet variety. The plot however is not simple; there are several instances of rising action before the final climax making for a captivating read. Including the familiar "Flip-o-rama" pages the story relates how Ricky is bullied until he sees the evil Dr. Stinky being mean to a robot. He intercedes and ends up with the robot himself. Then there is the fiasco at home as they try to keep the robot as a pet and finally the return of Dr.Stinky with an evil monster to try and get the robot back. Very fun easy-reader chapter book.

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## **J. says**

Super cute narrative; not very funny, though. Be aware that it is not intended to be as comedy-centric as "Cpt. Underpants".

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## **Libby Ames says**

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot is one of the best easy readers I have encountered. It is a perfect transition to chapter books with large illustrations and never too many words on a page. However, it is formatted like a thick chapter book making early readers feel very successful as they whiz through the chapters. The story includes evil villains, mighty robots, but also shares valuable lessons about standing up to bullies. With simple writing, the level is good for young readers, but includes subtle humor for adults listening as their children read aloud.

Other features in the Ricky Ricotta series are the 'flip-o-rama' breaks. Following every fourth or fifth chapter there is a section with large illustrations and one sentence captions that can be flipped in animation style action. The end of each book also includes a 'how to draw' section giving simple instructions for how to draw one or two characters from the story. My seven-year-old devoured two of these books in one afternoon and luckily there are at least seven more to try.

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**Keri Douglas says**

Ricky is a great mouse "underdog" who befriends a robot who was originally designed to destroy Squeakyville. This is a great beginner chapter book with super engaging Santat recognizable art. Kids will love the quick chapters. I enjoy Pilkey's work (usually) and appreciated the simplicity of this plot while leaving out his typical potty humor. My 1st-3rd graders will love this series.

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**Amy says**

What a great book for young action/adventure aficionados! The story was exciting, action-packed, and most importantly for some parents, age appropriate for kindergarten to second or third grade aged kids. There is a message in this book, but it doesn't beat the reader over the head, and I didn't think it was overly syrupy, either.

There were some mild fisticuffs, which I didn't think were misplaced or over-the-top, but I do think this was a slightly discordant note in the book because the story did rather call bullies out, and yet, there was mild fighting. Whatever. I certainly don't want to suggest that this book should've been more Pollyanna-ish.

My fourth grade niece thought the book was ok, but it was too young for her. She did enjoy listening to my character voices, and she enjoyed doing the animated pages for her brother. My kindergarten aged nephew thought this book was, "very awesome," and he was quite engaged by the story. I heard lots of exclamations of delight and appreciation out of him, and I believe we'll be reading the next Ricky Ricotta book.

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**Emily Traasdahl says**

Good book.

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**Maya says**

Bathroom humor, mutant alien battles and animated fight scenes...Pilkey is genius at knowing what appeals to 5-7 year old boys

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**Emily says**

A fun read with broad action packed illustrations about Ricky's unconventional friendship with the Mighty Robot. Also a fun flip-o-rama to "animate the action" Highly recommended for beginning readers Gr. K-2 who like robots and adventure/ are looking for a new series.

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**Beth says**

Cute! This is a good beginning chapter reader, especially for a boy. The graphic novel aspect of it would be enjoyed as well. It made me smile.

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**Lukas Holmes says**

I normally don't review the books I read to my kids, but this series is too dynamic to be ignored. Our kids, ranging from 4-8, all have gathered every night for the last eight nights to hear a volume read to them. We ran through the series pretty fast because it was just perfect. Great use of mixed-media and just all around fun.

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**Kathy says**

When my son, who just graduated kindergarten, got to the end of a chapter and I said, "Do you want to stop for the night or keep reading?" he shouted, "keep reading!" He was introduced to some great new vocab words yet I felt the author really tried hard to keep the reading level down for more of a beginning reader. We both loved the "flip-o-rama" sections of illustration where my son could also add in some fun sound effects. He loved being able to read on his own something with both adventure and humor, and it was nice to see him enjoy reading so much.

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