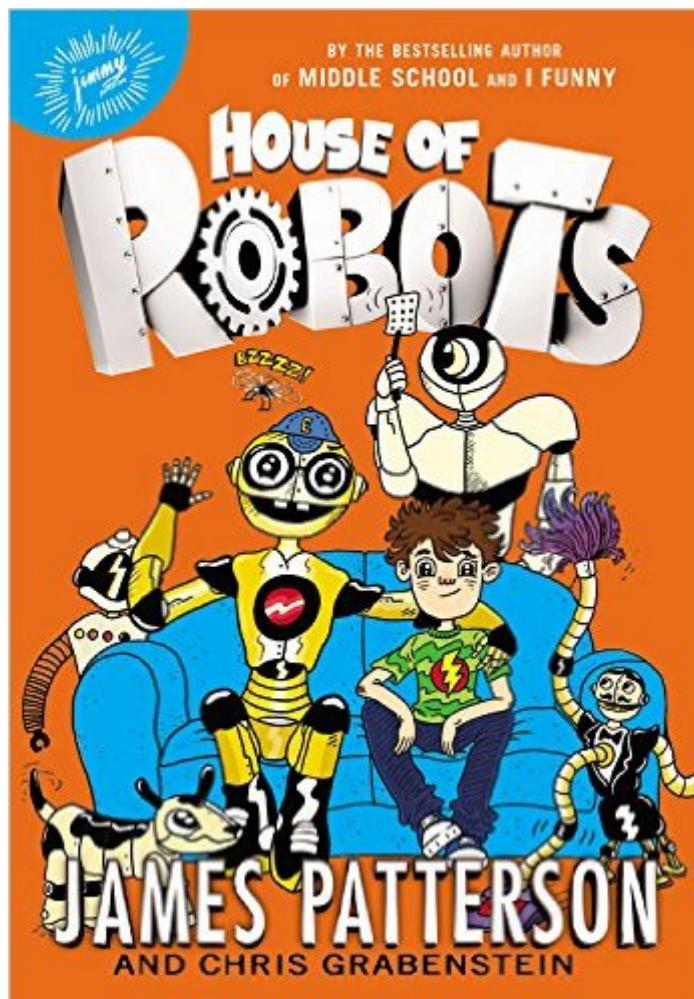


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# House Of Robots



## Synopsis

The story of an extraordinary robot that signs up for an ordinary fifth grade class and changes elementary school forever is now in paperback! It's never easy for Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez to fit in, so he's dreading the day when his genius mom insists he bring her newest invention to school: a robot he calls E--for "Error". E not only thinks he's Sammy's brother... he's actually even nerdier than Sammy. Will E be Sammy's one-way ticket to Loserville? Or will he prove to the world that it's cool to be square?

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## Customer Reviews

The main character in HOUSE OF ROBOTS is Sammy. He lives with his sister Maddie and their parents in a wacky house full of all kinds of crazy robots created by his scientist mother. For example, one ingenious robot is Mr. Moppenshine, who cleans the house. The artwork showing Mr. Moppenshine cleaning the house is really funny. There is a fantastic series of artwork in chapter 18, "A day in the life of Mr. Moppenshine!" It shows how this crazily efficient robot goes around cleaning things--even going so far as to stick his head in the toilet. At that point, Mr. Moppenshine remarks that he is grateful that he can't really smell anything. Sammy explains that his sister, Maddie, suffers from SCID, which stands for "Severe Combined Immunodeficiency." Sammy explains that this

means Maddie has a lot of trouble fighting off any kind of infection. Maddie can hardly ever go out of the house, and basically she can't do much physical activity. The story begins as Sammy's mom insists that Sammy take her latest robotic invention, "E," to school for a "Take a Robot to School Day." Mom explains that it's a "big, super important experiment." (The reader does not really see what the experiment is until much later in the book.) Of course his robot gets into all kinds of mischief at school, including a gigantic food fight. I really like the funny artwork showing the robot in the food fight. E happily exclaims, "This is the best first day a robots ever had!" Well, After E's first day at school, his mom does some tinkering and makes some enhancements in the robot. Then she insists that Sammy take him to school again. There is some type of big experiment going on, but she won't tell Sami exactly what. Interrupting the experiment with E is a startling event. The robot is actually kidnapped, so to speak. E ends up as a heap of discarded parts. So Sammy's mom has to work to get him back together again. Mom explains that "E might be even more remarkable. Several of his apps have upgrades available." We learn more about E, and the mysterious experiment--somehow involving Maddie. Mom wistfully ponders, "If he fails, the consequences will be devastating. But if he can successfully function at your school and move up, advance through the grades..." Without giving away too much, E is indeed a big success. Not just for Sammy, but especially for Maddie, and the entire family. All in all, *HOUSE OF ROBOTS* is really a fun, winsome book, full of wondrous, crazy looking robots. There's a very helpful listing of the main characters in this book at the very beginning, "Welcome to my house of robots." On page 69 is a great illustration of a certain robot that looks an awful lot like the robot from the old TV series "Lost in space." The reader learns that this robot is the tutor called "Tootles." (I bet the younger readers won't understand why Tootles shouts, "Danger, Danger.") *HOUSE OF ROBOTS* is a delightful, easy read, supported by cute and funny illustrations. The author even contains a subtle moral to this story, which was a surprising, nice touch. Recommend!

Oh my gosh! It is nearly IMPOSSIBLE to get my son to read.... until he picked up this book! He loves it! We target 20-30 min a night, tonight (first night he picked it up) and I finally had to stop him a little over an hour later because we had to eat dinner. He's in sixth grade so it is a bit of an easy read but I don't care because he's reading!

Great book! Nice morals. Great for kids. It is a book that has the thickness tweens like without any if the violence or other things that parents cringe from. There are a couple jokes that could be classified as immature, inappropriate in a grade school kind of way. But the overall story is touching.

The pictures and comic style jokes throughout the book top it off as an awesome read.

Great book! My gifted 6 year old read the whole book in one day! He loves reading and re-reading all kinds of books and this one he just couldn't put down! Illustrations are funny and keep him interested. Reading is not too challenging for him. The next book comes out today, we already ordered it and now it's on the way! Just in time for Thanksgiving break!

My 8 year son loves this. It is great for his daily 10-15 minute reading a day. The chapters are about 4 pages each.

Bought this for my son, and he giggled his way through the entire book in less than 2 days. Once I picked it up and started reading it, I could see why. Very clever story, very well written and engaging. I understand there's a second installment to this book, so we'll be moving on to it next. Four thumbs up here from both mother and child.

Purchased for my 8 year old son- going into 4th grade. He is a fan of James Patterson's books. (kids versions) I am just happy that he is reading and the book is engaging him. When I ask him what he loves about the book he simply says "the imagination"

Our daughter loved this book. She is into robots and technology. We recently introduced her to the writings of James Patterson for kids. She is blazing through these books. Love that she is reading each night before she stops for the day.

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