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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!

Ricky Ricotta may be a small mouse, but he has a VERY big friend -- a giant flying Robot! And when an evil, outerspace villain named Mr. Mosquito invades Earth with an army of Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury, Ricky and his Robot know exactly what to do! Young readers will cheer as Ricky's Robot battles the bad guys. And when Ricky finds a very smart way to play a trick on Mr. Mosquito, it's plain to see that even a little mouse can be a BIG hero!

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

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From Reader Review Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury for online ebook

Jenna Harris says

Summary:

This is a story about a mouse named Ricky Ricotta and a giant flying Robot who encounter a villain named Mr. Mosquito.

Characteristics:

This graphic novel has unique drawings that tell the story in addition to some text. The drawings are in black and white except for the front cover. The words are easy to read and the lines are spaced well to help with young readers.

Mentor Writing Trait:

Word choice: This book has many good adjectives to describe the story. This creates a more interesting reading experience for the reader and keeps them engaged.

"Mr. Mosquito went into his secret laboratory and clipped his filthy fingernails. He put the clippings in a giant machine and zapped them with a powerful ray."

Classroom Integration:

I would like to have this book in addition to the other Giant Robot graphic novels. This is a good series for students who also like other books by Dav Pilkey (like Captain Underpants). Although there are mosquitoes in this book, they are not realistically drawn so it is not unappealing for the reader. There is also some math equations that are told in the story, so this could be read when learning about basic division and multiplication.

Reading level: 3.5

Dolly says

This is the second 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.

Amy says

Ricky Ricotta's mighty robot is a little boy's action adventure fantasy distilled to near perfection. It has robots. It has outer space. It has bad guys. It has robotic smack-downs, and it has a little guy empowered enough to save the world and be seen as heroic in his mom and dad's eyes. And did I mention that it has robotic smack-downs? And sometimes it even has explosions!

My nephew and I like Ricky Ricotta, but there is a slightly discordant note in that these stories seem to be aimed at very young kids (boys in particular?), but the problems are solved through fighting. No little boy that I know of wants to have problems in a fantasy action story settled over hugs and flowers, but the rough bits stand out more because the story is aimed at a young group. Little boys might like the rough bits, but will their mothers? As an action/adventure loving aunt, though, I say robotic smack-downs and occasional explosions? That kind of storytelling is hard to pass up!

Melody Harmon says

This was the first chapter book that my son read. It was dreadfully painful for me to listen to him try to read it. However, it was simple enough that he was able to read most of the words. This is a good book for hesitant readers if they like things like the transformers. It has a comic book section in it that is fun for the little kids.

Emily Traasdahl says

Good book just could have been better.

Jess says

good books...I like the villains. Engaged my toddler.

Edwin munguia says

I liked this Ricky Ricotta more because of how the rule mosquito had his crew he made them by using his dna. Also like any other Rick Ricotta book they tried to take over Ricky and his Robots planet but it didn't work out because his robot saved him at the end.

Chris Flores says

I like is the book Ricky loves his but so sometimes it passed friend who one only his someone his said with Ricky could have so by him

Alex says

I enjoyed this book because I like Ricky Ricotta books. I also enjoyed this book because I like the flip-o-rama.

Brenton says

I really liked this book because his robot chopped his teacher's car in half when he was teaching math. Mr. Mosquito hated Mercury and his flip-flops stick to the floor.

Nicholas A says

It was about a battle

Jennette says

If you like Captain Underpants u still love this!!

It has the same format like Captain Underpants house, story, comic and flip o Rama!! It's a great way to encourage kids to read and start a love for it.

The story has good morals such as learning and being a hero by keeping people safe

Stefanie Burns says

This series from Dav Pilkey is as silly as his others, but written for a younger audience. It's a beginning chapter book with minimal text and large illustrations on each page. It's action packed and easy to understand. It's similar to a comic book. It has the same action and text as a comic book but is not written in panel format. It's written more towards boys, but that's good. I think this would interest younger boys. There's a section that shows the reader how to turn the battle scene into a flip book and animate the action. I tried to do so, but was unsuccessful. Children might be more likely to believe the glimpse toon truly animates the illustrations. The end of the book includes step by step drawings on how to draw the main characters from the book. I can see readers creating their own illustrations and stories from these guidelines. Overall, give this book a try with your beginning readers.

Nicola says

Miss 3 loves Captain Underpants and now we've worked our way through almost all of Dav Pilkey's Ricky Ricotta books as well. They haven't captured her at the same level of sparkly LOVE as C. U. but she enjoys them enough to re-read them the following week. Although our library has these at the same reading level as C.U. they are much shorter and quicker to read. They're also more positive in general and a good entry for younger kids. As a parent, I love how the series works its way through the solar system and has little facts about each planet! Also, how the local jail slowly fills up with each arch-villain!

#2 Mercury : okay

#3 Venus : okay

#4 Mars : okay

#5 Jupiter: We liked Lucy getting added. Plus the shift to a non-fighting resolution and now super-small super-cute Jurassic Jackrabbits becoming pets.

#6 : Saturn: Featuring Lucy and the Jackrabbits too :)

#7: Uranus : Featuring Lucy and the Jackrabbits too :) I loved all the alliteration in this one!

Pat says

Okay, the title of the one I read is "Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Mech-Monkeys from Mars," but it doesn't appear yet in Goodreads.

I read this because it's supposedly science fiction. It is a fast read, and probably amusing to the very young reader. Grade 2 or 3, perhaps. There is even flip-o-rama as there is in the Captain Underpants series.

I may not love it, but I love that an important audience will!
