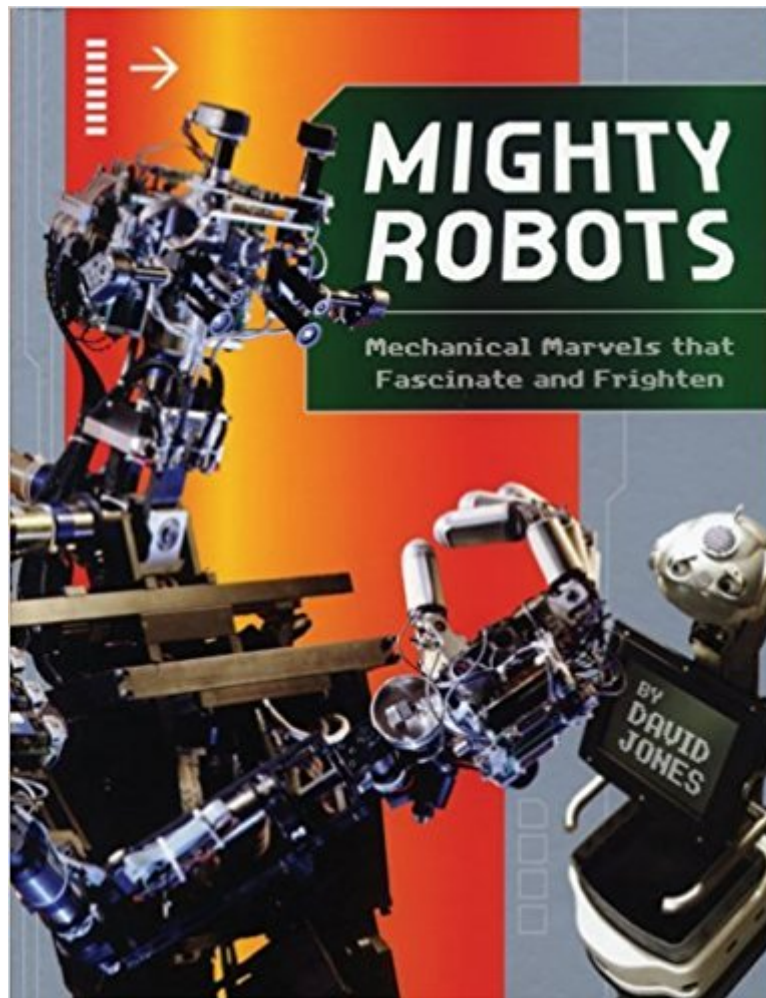




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Mighty Robots: Mechanical Marvels That Fascinate And Frighten



Synopsis

The intriguing universe of robots. Robots have lived in the human imagination for generations. Remember Frankenstein's creature brought to life by an electric charge, the Tin Man who yearned to become human, or the robot-filled world of the popular 1960s animated television series *The Jetsons*? Young readers will share this fascination as they embark on a thrilling journey from primitive robots to the revolution that is now underway. Chapters include: In Our Own Image: The history of robots, from the first automaton in 1709 to the rise of computers in 20th century Where are All the Robots?: Robot predictions from the past vs. modern reality Robot Explorers: Searching new frontiers: underwater, outer space Fighting Robots: Military assignments too dangerous for humans Working Robots: From assembly line operations to intricate surgical procedures Robots at Play: Robotic athletes, pets, toys and even actors grabbing the movie spotlight The Future: What can we expect? With a text that will engross readers from the outset, lively sidebars, and intriguing photography, *Mighty Robots* creates a captivating picture of the robotic world.

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Gr. 5-8. From the development of robotic technology to the history of robots in books and films, this informative offering surveys the field broadly but zeroes in with detailed accounts of many topics. Along the way, Jones discusses the word robot, the challenge of artificial intelligence and mobility, and robots as workers, explorers, and entertainers. The last chapter presents promising as well as menacing views of how this complex field could shape the future. Many clear color photos and

detailed sidebars expand the text, which will appeal mainly to young people with prior knowledge of the subject. Jones presents a great deal of information in a well-organized, accessible manner, enhanced by the appropriately techno look of the book's pages. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There's a lot of text here... for those truly fascinated by these amazing machines, but it's also fun to browse through this and just read the sidebars and informative captions. (Paula Rohrlig Kliatt) Jones presents a great deal of information in a well-organized, accessible manner, enhanced by the appropriately techno look of the book's pages. (Carolyn Phelan Booklist 2006-02-01) Not only covers robot history and achievements (both practical and fantastic), but it weaves in the philosophical issues that give these near humans the power to fascinate and frighten... will be enjoyed by teens and adults alike. (Lori Walker CM Magazine 2005-11-25) Explores how robots have become ingrained on human imagination and how scientists have developed ever-more-advanced machines to perform the tasks that people are unable or unwilling to handle. (Science News 2005-12-17)

Science, literature, history, and even film are integrated in this well-written and engaging book that explains the development of robot technology. I'm doing some research for a writing project and found this book very useful. Many concepts are too sophisticated for younger children, but very suitable for kids in 5th grade and up.

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