

Cool Facts About Robots In Books

1. Robots Have Been Around in Stories for Ages!

People have been writing about robots for a long time! One of the earliest robot stories comes from a play written almost 100 years ago called R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots) by Karel Čapek. It's where the word "robot" was first used. Even though the word "robot" was not used until 1920, you could argue that Tik-Tok who first appears in L. Frank Baum's "Ozma of Oz" in 1907 was one of the first robots to be described in a book as he is a "mechanical man".

2. Robots with Feelings?

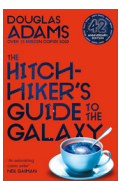
In many books, robots aren't just cold, metal machines—they have feelings! Ever heard of a robot who wants to be human? There's a famous story called The Bicentennial Man by Isaac Asimov where a robot named Andrew spends 200 years trying to be more like us. Isaac Asimov wrote a number of stories about robots and developed the 3 laws of robotics. One of them is that a robot can't hurt humans. These laws are used in a lot of robot books and stories.

3. Robots Can Be Heroes!

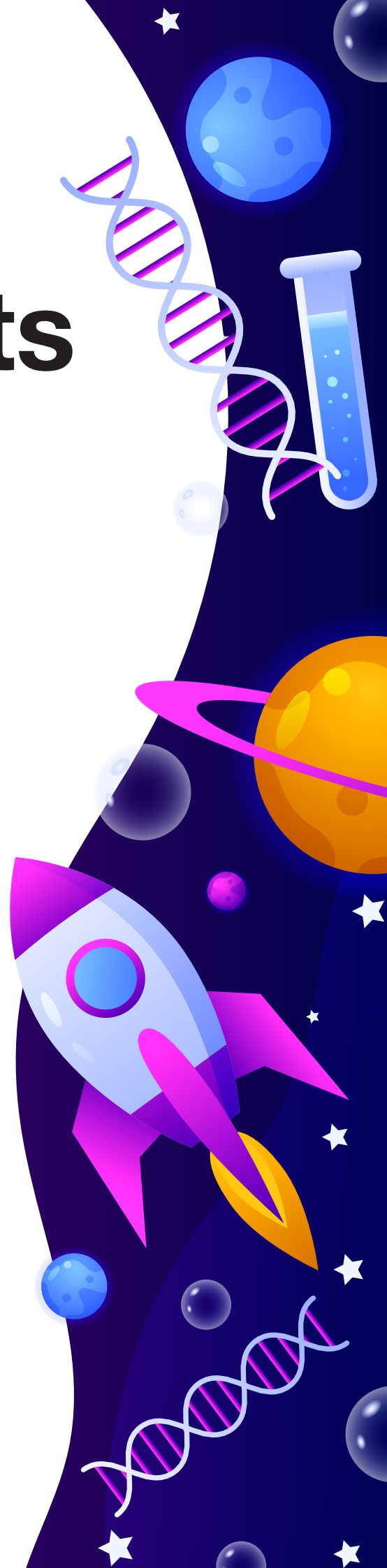


Robots are not always villains! In fact, many books show robots saving the day. In The Iron Man, a giant robot crash-lands on Earth and ends up becoming a hero by protecting the world.

4. Funny Robots



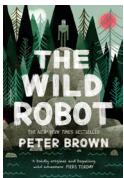
Some robots in books are downright hilarious! For example, Marvin from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is a robot who's always moody and grumpy. He's so dramatic that even though he's incredibly smart, he thinks everything is pointless. His sarcasm makes him very funny.



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5. Robot Pets?



In some books, robots are like futuristic pets! In *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, a robot named Roz wakes up on a deserted island and has to figure out how to survive by making friends with

the animals. It's kind of like a robot Tarzan, and don't forget Doctor Who's best friend K-9!

6. Robots in Disguise



Some books feature robots that can change their appearance—like Transformers! Robots like Optimus Prime and Bumblebee look like regular vehicles, but when danger strikes, they turn into mighty, fighting robots. It's like the ultimate superhero transformation!

7. Robots of All Shapes and Sizes



Robots in books can look super different from each other! Some are tiny, like the insect-like robots in the book *Gregor the Overlander* that help humans in secret ways. Others are massive, like the Iron Man. The variety is endless!

8. Robots Make You Think

A lot of robot stories make you wonder: What makes someone human? Could a robot ever feel the same things we do? These stories aren't just cool—they make you think about life in new ways. How awesome is that?

Robots in books can be funny, smart, heroic, and sometimes even more relatable than humans. Next time you pick up a book from your library with robots in it, think about all the wild and wonderful ways authors have imagined them. Who knows? Maybe you'll write your own robot story someday!

