



## PRAISE FOR THE WILD ROBOT:

*New York Times* Bestseller

Amazon Best Book of the Year Top Pick

*Parents Magazine* Best Children's Book of the Year

*Entertainment Weekly* Best Middle Grade Book of the Year

*Washington Post* Best Children's Book of the Year

*ALA Notable Book for Children*

*School Library Journal* Best of the Year Pick

## THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

Being different  
Friendship  
Family  
Motherhood

Self-discovery  
Nature versus technology  
Conservation  
Decision making  
Belonging

Home  
Helping others  
Civilization  
Life cycle

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *The Wild Robot Escapes* takes place in a world that looks very similar to ours, but what are some hints that the story takes place in the future?
2. How do the illustrations shape your reading of the story? Which illustration do you like best, and why?
3. When Roz the robot arrives at her new home, she learns that she will be responsible for working on the Shareef family farm. What are some of Roz's responsibilities?
4. Even though Roz enjoys life on the farm, why does she want to leave? Talk about a time when you have faced a similar tough decision.
5. Why does Roz tell Jaya and Jad about her life on the island without revealing that they are true stories?
6. When the children find out about Roz's past and ask if she is defective, she says, "I feel... different. Is being different the same as being defective?". Jaya answers, "I hope not. Otherwise, we're all a little defective" (page 97). What does Jaya mean?
7. Many animal characters are introduced in this book, including Coral the whale, Thud the wild ram, and Misty the skunk. Who was your favorite new character?
8. Why do the wolves attack Roz? Why does Shadow keep trying to catch Roz even though he cannot eat her?
9. Dr. Molovo tells Roz, "People are afraid of you. They saw you fleeing the city and they think you're dangerous. The RECOs have never given me a single reason to worry. But you have" (page 214). What does Dr. Molovo mean?
10. When Roz is captured by Dr. Molovo, Roz asks many questions about herself such as, "Why do I fear water? Why am I female? Why was my body designed this way? Why does my computer brain know some things and not others?" (page 216). Can you imagine some answers to these questions?
11. Roz finally returns home with Dr. Molovo's help, but Dr. Molovo leaves the island and says she will never come back. Why does she do this?
12. At the end of the book, the narrator states, "If you're like me, reader, you still have a lot of questions. How long will Roz live? Will she ever see another human, or another robot? What joys and sorrows lie ahead for her? Roz still had questions too. But now she finally had some answers. She knew where she came from, she knew the life she was supposed to live, and she knew the life she wanted to live" (pages 240-241). Why did Peter Brown decide not to give the reader all the answers?

