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**A funny story about a boy, a robot, and a BIG, BIG mess! This Level D book is perfect for kindergarten readers. From the creator of the widely popular Fly Guy books!**

"Fix this mess!" Jake tells Robug. But Robug just makes things worse. Robug finally figures out how to fix the mess--but it's not what Jake expected.

Tedd Arnold's illustrations of Robug's frantic efforts are laugh-out-loud funny, as Robug tries again and again to fix the mess--stirring up clouds of dust, old pizza boxes, and banana peels, and leaving Jake's cat more and more confused as he bounces from the couch to the top of the television.

***Fix This Mess!* is an International Literacy Association-CBC Children's Choice**

The award-winning I Like to Read(R) series focuses on guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas and Pinnell standards. Acclaimed author-illustrators--including winners of Caldecott, Theodor Seuss Geisel, and Coretta Scott King honors--create original, high quality illustrations that support comprehension of simple text and are fun for kids to read with parents, teachers, or on their own!

Suitable for late kindergarten readers, **Level D** books feature wider vocabulary, longer sentences, and greater variety in sentence structure than Levels A, B, and C. When Level D is mastered, follow up with Level E.

## Fix This Mess! Details

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## From Reader Review Fix This Mess! for online ebook

### **Teresa Bateman says**

Ted Arnold's bright, bug-eyed illustrations are the true stars of this story of a sort of robovac gone amok. Jake turned on the Robug with the expectation that it would clean up his messes. Instead, it merely transfers his mess from one spot to another, accumulating more stuff as it goes along. In the end, Jake learns a valuable lesson about who has to clean up the mess. The text is very simple, making this an easy reader. The pictures carry the humor of the story--it's amazing how many expressions that robug can have! Young readers will find this a fun book, and will want to read it again and again.

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### **Kristi Betts says**

Tedd Arnold, the genius creator of the Fly Guy series, has written Fix This Mess! as part of the Holiday House I Like to Read series of books for emergent readers. The book has been evaluated and assigned a Guided Reading Level of D based on the Fountas and Pinnell system. With his vibrant colors and fun caricatures, Arnold brings to life a fun story of about ROBUG (Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo). Jake, the dog needs a mess cleaned up and expects ROBUG to "fix this mess". Jake's plan does not come to fruition the way he thought it would in this story with repetitive short text, familiar vocabulary, and illustrations which will help beginning readers make predictions.

Books in the I Like to Read series meet the Common Core State Standards in Reading Standards for Foundational Skills and Literature. There are currently 59 titles in the series. Reading levels range from B to E.

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### **Heather Jo says**

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### **Anthony says**

Jake buys Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo (ROBUG) to clean the mess in his house, but ROBUG makes a bigger mess. Jake soon discovers its best to clean your own mess that you made.

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### **Diane says**

"Robug came in a box."

This *Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo* is supposed to help Jake clean up his messes. But in cleaning

one area, Robug leaves another area in chaos. With growing frustration, Robug finally figures out how to fix the problem.

As always, the illustrations are wonderfully and humorously detailed (I love the cat's growing misfortunes).

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### **Amy says**

Another robot book that my 3.5-year-old son is OBSESSED with. Quick read. Hilarious (to him). I think we read it to him 7 times the first day we brought it home from the library.

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### **Shelli says**

I loved the mini-review on the back cover: "If you like to read, you will like this book."

This is another fantastic easy reader picture book from the always fabulous Ted Arnold, Co-King of Making Reading Fun for Young Readers (a crown he shares with Mo Willems). Jake is a lazy slob of a boy? dog? , who ordered an R.O.B.U.G. to clean his home. R.O.B.U.G. does as requested but not the way Jake had envisioned. Much silliness and colorful illustrations follow that will give kiddos a serious case of the belly giggles.

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### **Lauren Eckman says**

The main character Jake buys a robot that cleans so that he doesn't have to, but to his surprise things don't work out as he would have liked them to. This book uses short easy to read sentences to help introduce children to dialogue. There are also onomatopoeia's throughout the story emphasizing the illustrations. I did not really connect with this story. However, children may gravitate toward its animations and use of creativity in the pictures.

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### **Paula says**

Jake the dog sees Robug as the answer to a clean and mess-free house. But Robug (Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo) the cleaning robot does Jake's bidding too literally. When Jake asks him to "Fix this mess!", Robug's refrain, "I will fix this mess!", results in merely moving the dirty clothes, old candy wrappers, etc. to another locale. After several tries to get it right, the mess ultimately ends up on the roof, and then Robug firmly takes charge and makes Jake clean the mess himself. The unassuming and glib text is matched by Arnold's familiar humorous artwork. It is a great choice for reading aloud and youngsters will no doubt start chiming in on the repetitive refrain. The premise of this funny tale is relatable to any youngster faced with the prospect of cleaning his room and wishing for a magical solution. Fly Guy fans will no doubt enjoy this outing and it would be a worthwhile addition to any library.

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### **The Brothers says**

A dog gets a R.O.B.U.G. (remote operating basic utility gizmo) to do the cleaning around his house. Unfortunately the R.O.B.U.G. just moves the mess around instead of cleaning it all up. The R.O.B.U.G. figures out the best way to get the mess cleaned up (spoiler: he makes the dog do it).

Tedd Arnold illustrations are always a bucket o' fun!

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### **Jennifer Heise says**

A cute little twist on the 'if you want it done, do it yourself' rule of cleaning up after yourself.

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### **Peter says**

I won't lie: this book is much funnier when you read Robug with a Dalek's voice.

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### **Amy Lafleur Meyers says**

Jake the dog gets a robot, Robug and asks him to clean his messy room. Jake soon finds that having Robug "fix this mess" isn't quite what he expects. Funny book that is full of repetition of "Fix this mess!"

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### **Sunah Chung says**

Jake purchased a ROBUG (Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo) to clean up the mess in his place. But, Robug is a robot and understands the order "Fix this mess" to literally fix it and put other stuff in the other place. For instance, instead of cleaning up wastes and trashes which are piled up on the table, Robug makes the table fixed and cleaned, and then he piles the garbage on the next furniture. In the end, Jake takes charge of cleaning his place the ways he wants Robug to do.

Through use of bold line illustrations and the storyline, children will enjoy this book. Young children may not want to clean up their rooms and wish to have a fancy robot to do the work for them. Unfortunately, Robug is not the one who grants Jake's wish. I hope young readers learn that they are responsible for their rooms and environments after reading this picture book.

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### **Colette says**

Love Tedd Arnold! I know we all feel like this from time to time when cleaning up just about anything, or

we know kids who clean their room in the same manner! And who hasn't been disappointed in an advertised product once the packaging comes off? Mr. Arnold has hit the nail on the head with this little gem. Jim had a new toy to clean up his messes, and tells Robug to "Fix this mess!" But the mess just keeps moving, and becoming worse as it goes. Finally Robug has had enough and Jim is the one doing what he should have in the first place.

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