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Synopsis

Attention young LEGO brick builders: Sean Kenney is back again with original creations of Robotopolis--robots, transformers, and spaceships of all sizes, colors, and features. Complete with select model instructions, insider tips, and landscape designs for new LEGO fans of all ages as well as diehard enthusiasts.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1-5
As he did in *Cool Cars & Trucks* (Holt, 2009), Kenny presents simple descriptions and various ideas for creating LEGO® models, in this case: robots. The photos will inspire young builders. Particularly difficult to follow, but cool to figure out, is a delivery truck that converts itself into a delivery robot; this is just the type of challenge that enthusiasts are likely to enjoy.

Additional examples suggest specific pieces that are useful for creating robot elements. Full-page color scenarios against bright white backgrounds show various settings and activities for robots in the fanciful "Robotopolis" in which robots trim trees, deliver mail, and live as families at work and play. There are small bots, strong bots, and jumbo bots. Interspersed among the images are schematics to follow for specific figures, including a "Snailmadillo" and "Wheeliebot." For LEGO enthusiasts, future engineers, and reluctant readers, this is a colorful and inspiring book. Others might be more interested in finding out about the author, a

certified LEGO professional who graduated from boy model-builder to grown-up model artist. Janet S. Thompson, Chicago Public Library (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Billed as a LEGO Certified Professional, Kenney offers a book that's similar in concept and format to his popular Cool Cars and Trucks (2009). The back cover features five "Fun facts about Sean," leading off with the envy-inducing statement that he "has more than a million LEGO pieces in his studio." Showcasing a variety of robots and spaceships, this book invites readers to build their own. Detailed drawings accompany instructions for some of the projects, but in most cases readers are left to gaze at the objects shown in the clear, colorful photos and figure out how to reconstruct them. Even kids searching through hundreds of LEGO pieces in their collections may not find every specialized piece shown in the illustrations. Still, it's fun (and potentially inspiring) to see what can be created with a little imagination, an inclination for building things, and an unlimited supply of interlocking plastic blocks and widgets. Preschool-Grade 4. --Carolyn Phelan

Arrived on time and exactly as described.

These books have mostly images of lego figurines. There are very few actual walk through guides on how to build them. If they do have a guide it isn't the big robot they show but usually very small ones. Wishing I could find a book that actually shows you different ways to use your legos to build cool robots.

My 6 year old son is a lego fanatic and doesn't really need help with "ideas" as many of the lego books out there provide. What he needs is some help figuring out HOW to make his ideas happen. This book does just that. It helps him think outside the box and create things that look different from traditional lego construction - Kenney uses lego pieces differently than the lego manufacturers do. We have all his books and they are regularly open on the lego table helping to inspire my son to create new and interesting things. Thanks Sean Kenney!

Tried to build a robot with my Grandson using this book. Frustrating. Many of his creations rely on hard to find round or right angled Lego pieces. How about some directions for squares and rectangles? Wish we hadn't bought it.

This book stimulated hours of creativity. This book will prevent the overuse of your vacuum! We used bits and pieces we had laying around to construct the robots. Sometimes we had to substitute other pieces than were required. Our creations may not have been as exquisite as Mr. Kenney's but were just as creative. The hunt for the variation parts was also very fun and challenging.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE SOME DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSPIRATION AROUND FOR MY SON WHEN HE'S LEGO'ING. THIS BOOK IS PERFECT BECAUSE THE ROBOTS ARE CHALLENGING ENOUGH BUT NOT SO HARD THAT LEGO PIECES HAVE TO BE PAINTED OR MANIPULATED IN ORDER TO REPLICATE WHAT'S IN THE BOOK. GREAT BOOK AT A REL GREAT PRICE!

I bought this for my 13 year old son but worried it might be too simplistic for him. He absolutely loves the ideas pictured and has spent hours creating things inspired by the photos in the book.

Great book my 5yr old loves the ideas. Only four stars as the quality of the binding is not the best. First book fell apart, second one is kind of flimsy

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