

Selecting a book for your reading program is an important decision. To help you select the right book for your young readers and your community, we are providing the following context related to potentially sensitive content to help make a well-informed decision. As always, we encourage and recommend that book selections come after a full read of the book by multiple decision-makers or stakeholders.

The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown

Read This Book to Discover...

A charming, enriching tale of a robot marooned on an island who comes to appreciate her environment, and forge both a community and family with the variety of animal life around her. Peter Brown's stunning prose provides a clear, patient way into the world and mind and heart of Roz, the robot who eventually becomes a mother to an orphaned gosling, Brightbill. Readers glean a new window into what it means to be human alongside Roz.



What to Watch Out For...

Roz, the robot, becomes the 'mother' of an orphaned gosling, Brightbill. When Brightbill migrates, and then returns to the island, she narrates an episode in which the flock leader is shot and killed by a farmer. (p. 207)

The last section of the novel concerns the arrival of three RECO unit robots tasked with returning Roz to the factory. They carry guns and a grand battle ensues. The animals of the island seek to protect Roz from the RECO unit robots. During this episode, the RECO units fire on Roz; a mother bear is shot and injured (she recovers); a contested gun explodes injuring Roz; and the last RECO unit is destroyed when the geese retrieve a lost rifle and manage to fire it (they have seen rifles fired before) and destroy the last RECO unit.

Roz defends her island, and the animals successfully defend Roz.