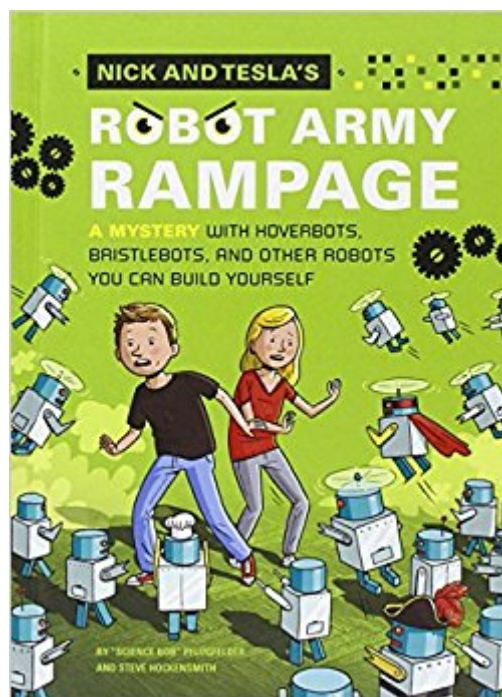




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# Nick And Tesla's Robot Army Rampage: A Mystery With Hoverbots, Bristle Bots, And Other Robots You Can Build Yourself



## Synopsis

Nick and Tesla return in an all-new, robot-filled adventure! When a rash of robberies hits the town of Half Moon Bay, 11-year-old sleuths Nick and Tesla are determined to catch the criminals—but to do so, they'll have to build a host of new gadgets and gizmos! In this robot-themed follow-up to Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab, the brother-and-sister duo build four different droids out of ordinary household objects—and illustrated instructions are included throughout the story, so you can build them, too! Make bristlebots that buzz, hoverbots that float above the ground, battlebots that duke it out, and more! Can Nick and Tesla catch the criminal mastermind—and foil his army of rampaging robots—before it's too late?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4—Nick and Tesla, 11-year-old twin super sleuths, narrowly escaped danger in their first mysterious adventure. The next installment in the series picks up where the first left off—with the twins spending the summer in Half Moon Bay with their eccentric, mad scientist Uncle Newt, while their parents are out of the country (supposedly) working with soybeans. The sleepy little town's only police officer is quickly out of his element when a criminal mastermind strikes.

When a valuable comic disappears and other thefts occur, the twins take it upon themselves to uncover the culprit. Authors "Science Bob" Pflugfelder and Hockensmith have further developed their characters, while incorporating real science, this time in the form of robots. Step-by-step directions are included using mostly everyday objects, so readers can construct their own hoverbots and robo-roaches, while trying to decipher the clues to the mystery. With a love interest for Uncle Newt, a strong science-loving young girl, and perfectly executed red herrings, this mystery stands alone. A cryptic phone message from the twins' mom suggesting they are in mortal danger will leave fans fervently awaiting book three.

— Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA

— “How do you connect students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) with fiction reading? Look for science adventures. Get started with the NICK AND TESLA series. Each book contains an engaging adventure revolving around a

— “build-it-yourself

— science project.

— Teacher Librarian

— “Another fast-paced mystery and treat for technophiles.

— Kirkus Reviews

Praise for

— Nick and Tesla

— “High-Voltage Danger Lab

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— “High-Voltage Danger Lab

— has the perfect formula: — Mega-watts of funny writing plus giga-hertz of hands-on science equals fun to the billionth power!

— Chris Grabenstein,

— New York Times

— best selling author of

— Escape from

— Mr. Lemoncello

— “High-Voltage Danger Lab

— “Real project blueprints are included along with this tale of 11-year-old siblings who create outrageous contraptions and top-secret gadgets.

— Los Angeles Times

— “...the combination of exciting elements and innovative DIY projects in action yields a guaranteed pager

— ScienceBuddies.org

— “[Nick and Tesla’s High-Voltage Danger Lab

— is] a

— great way to show kids that problems can often be solved by applying a bit of creative energy with some tech know-how. And Nick and Tesla (and Uncle Newt) are the perfect companions for your young reader looking for some (safe) adventures.

— Geek Dad

— “A mystery, adventure, and activity book all rolled into one entertaining story....Plenty of excitement, with science.

— Common Sense Media

— “Part mystery, part mad science...the story will leave readers wondering what mayhem will be forthcoming.

— School Library Journal

— “...a strong start...

— Publishers Weekly

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adventures. Get started with the NICK AND TESLA series. Each book contains an engaging adventure revolving around a “build-it-yourself” science project. Teacher Librarian “Engaging characters and brisk plotting make this a fun and educational read.” Jennifer Ouellette, author of *The Calculus Diaries* and *The Physics of the Buffyverse* “A promising first offer in a series that offers plenty of appeal for middle-grade and middle school readers.” Kirkus “Suspenseful, funny, and loaded with do-it-yourself robots, rockets, and burglar alarms. Nick and Tesla are an unforgettable new detective team, sure to inspire an entirely new generation of scientists and readers. Can’t wait for the next book!” Amy Herrick, author of *The Time Fetch* “A book with action, adventure, mystery, humor -- and instructions on how to build rockets and robots. What more could young readers possibly want? ‘Nick & Tesla’ is a great book that will keep your kids enthralled with its intriguing story -- and inspire them with its clever science experiments. I can’t wait for the further adventures of these fascinating characters.” Stuart Gibbs, Edgar-nominated author of *Spy School* and *Belly Up* “I love the book! It combines science, intrigue and great fiction together in a wild ride for the reader. Nothing tickles me more than seeing a story really charged up with science. And the projects are so much fun! More please!” Lynn Brunelle, four-time Emmy Award-winning writer for *Bill Nye the Science Guy* and the author of *Pop Bottle Science* “What kid wouldn’t want to join Nick and Tesla and their wacky family? This is a great way for budding scientists to have fun while exploring the intricacies of physics, chemistry, and more--up close, personal, and hands-on!” Jane Hammerslough, author of *Owl Puke: The Book* and *Dino Poop: And Other Remarkable Remains of the Past* “Pflugfelder and Hockensmith debut a captivating series about crime-solving kid inventors in the spirit of Tom Swift and Alvin Fernald. But Nick and Tesla give us what their literary predecessors always omitted: blueprints for whiz-bang inventions that kids can actually build themselves (with some adult assistance). Electromagnets, tracking devices, rockets and the like. Hands-on science has never been so cool.” Joseph D’Agnese, author of *Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci*

We are currently using this book series in our homeschooling group- read at home & build in class. After the first book, very little website support is given. The first book has discussion questions & videos which were extremely helpful in knowing what to expect- after that, nothing- you’re on your

own. Many of the references to radio shack are no longer valid- though you can still sometimes find the items as referenced online-- most items you are left to "wing it" and hope you find the right thing on . The kids love the series so far- but finding the correct, quality supplies is frustrating. I had hoped the nick and tesla website would have continued the support that made using the books so easy.

I chose this book because it looked interesting. I had never previewed the book prior to purchasing it. I couldn't be more pleased with the decision to purchase the book! It has a fun mystery story for the kids that leads into making their own robots. The kids (ages 10 and 13) were excited to make them and had a great time. They love playing with their robots they have made. One thing that is not in the book is the how's and the why's about making the robots. But as a homeschooler I use supplemental information to teach how a battery works and other lessons on electricity. I think if the book included how the robot works it might not be as appealing to the kids. I recommend this book from age 7-14. I have already recommended this book to a friend and she has purchased it. I have also pre-ordered the next book and purchased the other one! I hope you love the book as much as we do!

Reading this with my kid. Excited to build the robots.

My kids loved this book. Appealed to both kids 5 and 8 boy and girl. We also were able to try a few of the robots ( instructions and part list in booklet that accompanied cds).

My 10 year old grandson loves these books. Highly recommend.

My son has been obsessed with Science Bob for a while now and these books are fun and a good story and we have been having a lot of fun doing the projects together. Great Mother Son bonding time!

My almost seven year old adores these! We would love to have all of them in audio form.

Good for teens who are interested in building robots as well as enjoying a " who done it" . It is a continuation of Nick and Tesla's adventures with Uncle Newt.

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