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From Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants, and acclaimed artist Dan Santat, a thrilling friendship adventure with all-new full-color illustrations and mini-comics throughout!

Ricky Ricotta loves his Mighty Robot. They do everything together, but it's sometimes hard for a small mouse to have such a big buddy! If only the Mighty Robot could find someone his own size to play with, Ricky might finally have some fun by himself.

Little does Ricky know, his wish is about to come true. Evil Uncle Unicorn has a top-secret plan to trap the Mighty Robot so that he can take over Earth, and he's got a giant surprise in store. Once again, it's up to Ricky to save the planet -- and his best friend!

Originally published in 2005, this edition features brand-new full-color illustrations and mini-comics throughout!

## Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. The Uranium Unicorns From Uranus Details

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# **From Reader Review Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. The Uranium Unicorns From Uranus for online ebook**

## **Nicola Mansfield says**

The last book in this version of the series. Two more books are expected to be released with the updated editions in 2014 and 2015. This is probably the least creative of the entire series and feels a little tired to me, an adult, but it follows form and young readers will probably enjoy the introduction of Ladybot, a supposed friend for Mighty Robot. Includes the usual takeover of earth and seeing all the villains in jail at the end.

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## **Betsy says**

3 stars for me, 5 from my children = 4 overall :-)

Ricky Ricotta books are filled with kid-pleasing humor, superhero action, comic book style illustrations, larger than life villains, alliterative text, how-to-draw directions, and the "flip-o-rama" feature which has the reader flipping pages quickly to make the characters appear to have movement. With names like Dr. Stinky McNasty, a Meany Machiney, and super duper villains from every planet, these consistently make kids laugh and have them coming back for more. Just what you want from easy readers/early chapter books when kids are learning to read!

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## **Dolly says**

This is the seventh book in the Ricky Ricotta series by Dav Pilkey. I thought it was interesting that he did not illustrate these books himself, although the format of the tale is very similar to his Captain Underpants books, without the silliness and toilet humor.

I get the impression that this series was meant to appeal to younger readers, be more commercially acceptable, and avoid the Banned book lists. And thus, it lacks a lot of the charm of the Tra-la-la tales.

Still, it's an entertaining and quick read and we love reading his stories. We all took turns reading this book and I think it would be a great book to get younger and/or reluctant readers excited about reading.

Our girls complained that the storylines for these stories seems to be too formulaic, but it's still a fun read. I liked that typically oh-so-cute unicorns were evil villains in this book. I am fairly sure that I'll read the rest of the books in this series, although I was quite surprised to see that the last three remaining books haven't even been published yet and won't be for a year or more. Our girls might eschew them for more 'sophisticated' fare by then, but who knows?

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## **Nicola says**

Miss 3 loves Captain Underpants and now we've worked our way through almost all of Dav Pilkey's Ricky

Ricotta books as well. They haven't captured her at the same level of sparkly LOVE as C. U. but she enjoys them enough to re-read them the following week. Although our library has these at the same reading level as C.U. they are much shorter and quicker to read. They're also more positive in general and a good entry for younger kids. As a parent, I love how the series works its way through the solar system and has little facts about each planet! Also, how the local jail slowly fills up with each arch-villain!

#2 Mercury : okay

#3 Venus : okay

#4 Mars : okay

#5 Jupiter: We liked Lucy getting added. Plus the shift to a non-fighting resolution and now super-small super-cute Jurassic Jackrabbits becoming pets.

#6 : Saturn: Featuring Lucy and the Jackrabbits too :)

#7: Uranus : Featuring Lucy and the Jackrabbits too :) I loved all the alliteration in this one!

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## **John Polles says**

I'll give Pilkey a pass for making the unicorns evil in this one....

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## **David Freudenburg says**

This fun and humorous science fiction adventure is a picture book in the size and shape of a chapter book. Like a picture book, each page contains a full color painting with a limited amount of text. Like a chapter book it has about 125 pages divided into about 12 chapters in a book about the same size as the "Magic Tree House" books. Although the style and story make this book perfect for a reader who is in about Second Grade, it is fun and interesting for people of all ages.

The very experienced and professional author has a wonderful way of creating text that is not only clever and well-written, but also reinforces a beginning reader's successes. He does this by incorporating repetition, even when there aren't a lot of words on the page. He also does this by using alliteration, not just in the title, but throughout the book.

Like any good cartoon, there is humor for adults, as well as for kids. Children will probably roll on the floor laughing when the Mighty Robot gets "zapped in the behind" by an evil ray beam. Adults will find humor in the throwback to old, melodramatic, scifi comics. I can now see why kids love this series!

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## **Barbara says**

Having a gigantic robot as a best friend may be awesome in many ways, but Ricky Ricotta finds himself wishing that his Mighty Robot wasn't quite so big and inconvenient. His annoyance makes it hard for him to enjoy the fun they usually have. He comes to regret that annoyance when Uncle Unicorn sends a female robot to entice Mighty Robot. It's up to Ricky, his cousin Lucy, and her animal friends to free the robot from the effects of the Hypno-Ray that has him all tied up. The book has all the usual kid-friendly elements: humor, fighting, Flip-o-Rama that allows readers to see the action moving, and a satisfyingly sweet ending.

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### **Taneysha forsyth says**

I LOVE THIS BOOK B/C IT HAS HORSES AND PEOPLE GETTING HURT AND OTHER PEOPLE AND THIS BOOK EXPLAINS COOL TRICKS YOU SHOULDN'T TRY AT HOME.THIS BOOK MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I AM RICKY MIGHTY.I WOULD WANT PEOPLE TO READ THIS BOOK B/C IT FEEL MAD COOL AND CRAZY TO FLY IN THE AIR.I FOUND THIS BOOK IN MS.WOODARD'S GRAPHIC NOVELS BEN.PS. MS.WOODARD DON'T READ SUCH COMIC BOOKS AND STUFF.THIS BOOK IS THE BEST OF ALL TIMES IT IS THE BEST.

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### **Alex says**

I enjoyed this book because I like Ricky Ricotta books. I did not like this book because I do not like unicorns.

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### **♥Marie Gentilcore says**

Dav Pilkey is one of my son's favorite authors, he has read all of the Captain Underpants series and most of the Ricky Ricotta series. Last night for bedtime we read #7 in the series. The Ricky Ricotta series seems written for the age group just below the Captain Underpants age group. It was a fun adventure with an underlying theme of not taking friends for granted. The illustrations were perfect for the story and there was some flip-o-rama as well as "how to's" for drawing the characters. Both of my kids (boy 9 and girl 7) loved it and gave it way more than 5 stars.

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### **Edwin munguia says**

I really like these books because there not long to read and there cool I just like reading these books. Also liked this book because of how the unicorns came from their own planet trying to take Over the planet Rick and his robot lived in

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### **James Crawford says**

This is definitely the best Ricky Ricotta book. This book has amazing villains and heros. I loved the villains in this one. The villain in this is probably my favorite in the whole Ricky Ricotta Series.

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### **Paula says**

In this installment of the Ricky Ricotta adventure series, Ricky is discouraged because his Mighty Robot pal is so big that he sometimes spoils Ricky's fun. One night Ricky wishes for a big friend for his big robot. His wish comes true in the form of a Ladybot that mesmerizes Mighty Robot and puts him out of commission.

The Ladybot is part of the plan of the nefarious Uncle Unicorn from Uranus. Since his planet is overcome with nuclear waste, he intends to take over Earth. With Mighty Robot now in his control, he captures Ricky and his cousin Lucy. But Ricky and Lucy discover the Ladybot's weakness, and with the help of Lucy's Jurassic Jackrabbit pets they are able to dismantle the Ladybot and restore Mighty Robot to his normal powers and save the planet. Ricky learns that friends are forever, no matter their size. This easy, fun read has lots of action along with the gimmicky "Flip-O-Rama" that's part of every fight scene in these books. The cartoon illustrations add fun details to the story. The title is a good choice for emerging and reluctant readers, especially boys.

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### **Michael Koreis says**

In this adventure, Ricky and his Robot get into some trouble with some pesky unicorns. Ricky is trying to adjust to life having a giant robot as a best friend. The only problem is that the robot cannot do all of the things Ricky can and ends up making everything not fun for Rickey. The Unicorns then send a "ladybot" to hypnotize the robot so they could destroy Earth. After the robot is gone for some time, Ricky realizes that he misses the robot and all of the things they did together. This is the lesson for this book. He is telling kids that if they take something for granted when they have it they are going to end up missing it when it is gone, so you should respect everything and take advantage of things while they are still there and you have an opportunity to do so.

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### **Kate Puleo Unger says**

Christopher read this book in one sitting at one of our recent reading parties. Somehow they're morphed into him reading to me, but it's OK (for now at least). I enjoy listening to him read. This book had a funny Trojan horse like decoy plot. It was absurd but fun as usual. I love the mix of chapters with full picture pages, comics, and flip-o-rama fighting in these books. It breaks it up for young readers, and it makes the books go fairly quickly.

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