

# The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess

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**Synopsis:** When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.

**Suggested Reading Date:** April 10, 2023 (National Sibling Day), February 26, 2023 (Tell a Fairy Tale Day), April 8th, 2023 to April 16th, 2023 (National Robotics Week)

### Activity Descriptions:

- **Finish the Story:** The Little Wooden Robot and The Log Princess each have a page of “too many adventures to recount here” – have students work individually or in pairs to finish one of the adventure stories.
- **Venn Diagram:** Compare the King, Queen, Wooden Robot, and Log Princess – what is the same and what is different (male, female, wood, skin, hair, adult, child, made, born, etc.).
- **Shape Art:** The Little Wooden Robot and The Log Princess are each created with geometric shapes. Students can use pre-cut shapes to create different designs. They could work in pairs and/or trade colors/shapes as needed. They could also cut additional shapes that they need.
- **Discussion:** Is *The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess* a fairy tale? Before or after reading the book discuss common elements of fairy tales: beginning/ending, good vs. evil, magic, antagonist, moral. What is the same? What is different? Discuss the most prominent similarities and differences.

### Related Websites:

- The Log Book: Tumgir site by Tom Gauld for *The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess*: <https://www.tumgir.com/thelogbook>
- Coloring Pages from Tom Gauld: <https://www.tomgauld.com/colouring>
- Publisher’s Weekly Q & A with Tom Gauld: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-authors/article/87176-q-a-with-tom-gauld.html>
- Tom Gauld’s Website: <https://www.tomgauld.com/>

### Text to Text Connections:

If you like this book, you might also want to use these books about robots, adventures, or royalty:

- *Boy + Bot* by Ame Dyckman
- *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen
- *Love, Z* by Jessie Sima
- *The Princess and the Pony* by Kate Beaton
- *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Michael Martchenko
- *The Antlered Ship* by Dashka Slater and illustrated by the Fan Brothers

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