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Lily the Unicorn

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Review

Lily is a unicorn and she likes to make things. She likes to make gadgets, music, and messes, but she likes making friends most of all. When she makes a new friend, Roger, she’s worried that he doesn’t get out and have as much fun as he should. Lily plans some adventures, but Roger doesn’t want to go. She tries to come up with all kinds of ideas to do together, but when Roger isn’t interested in any of them, she wonders if something is wrong with Roger. Roger explains that there are a lot of uncertain things in the world, but together they learn to get past them and have fun anyway.

The pages of this book are chaotic. There are many words, illustrations, and big, blocky letters on every page. The information is amusing sometimes, but often feels overwhelming and can be hard to read. In some ways, it’s a nice reflection of how Roger could have anxiety and how that feels, but on the surface it feels like too much. It also is sad that Lily tries to make Roger more like her instead of appreciating him for who he is, even though it’s nice that she was his friend anyway and that she did encourage him to be less scared of things. It is a cute idea and there is some nice humor, but the chaos and Lily’s unwillingness to accept Roger for who he is makes it less effective than it could have been.