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Robot Roz is no ordinary robot. She learned to survive on an island and now has to learn to survive on a farm. However, Roz has left her son back on the island and desperately wants to make it back to him. She tells every animal she can about her son Brightbill back home. The rumors spread and soon Brightbill hears the story his mother is telling everyone. Brightbill decides to migrate on a different route this year and finds his mother Roz. Together they escape and attempt to make it back to their home. The humans they encounter are not pleased when they see a “rogue” robot, but Roz’s maker is impressed. With the maker’s help, the two are able to live on their island with the condition that no others will ever find out about Roz.

In The Wild Robot Escapes, robots have a set way they are supposed to act. One wrong action and they considered to be malfunctioning. Robots aren’t supposed to have feelings or have the ability to speak to animals, but Roz does. Roz doesn’t behave like the other robots, yet she isn’t just another robot with a malfunction. One has to look at her beyond surface level. This message is very relatable to everyone. We aren’t all the same, and we can be very different. We can sometimes even appear similar, but inside, we might not function like we should. Roz shows that we all have something we can offer, whether that is following the status quo or not. It takes skill for an author to throw out such a subtle message that comes out loud and clear when placed behind a beautiful story.

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