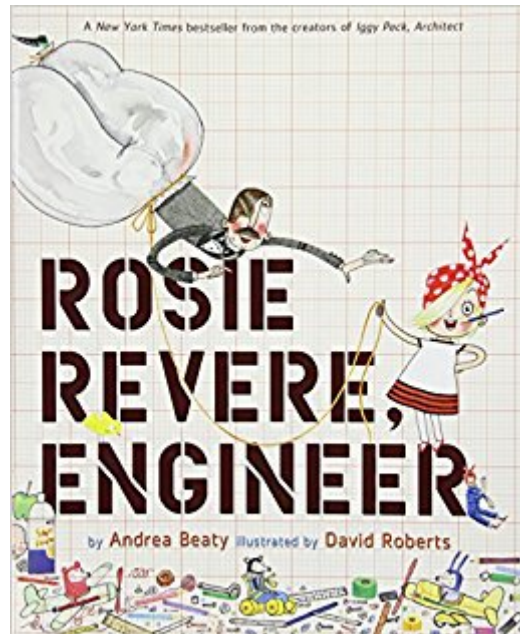




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# Rosie Revere, Engineer



## Synopsis

Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal--to fly--Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when her contraption doesn't fly but rather hovers for a moment and then crashes, Rosie deems the invention a failure. On the contrary, Aunt Rose insists that Rosie's contraption was a raging success. You can only truly fail, she explains, if you quit.

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## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 *Young Rosie is always trying to solve problems with her inventions. Shy and quiet, she resists talking about her dream to become a great engineer when a favorite uncle laughs at one of the gizmos she designs especially for him. But when Great-Great Aunt Rose shows up for an extended stay sporting a red polka-dotted scarf à la Rosie the Riveter, she regales her niece with stories of her experiences building airplanes during World War II. She wistfully declares, "The only thrill left on my list is to fly! But time never lingers as long as it seems. I'll chalk that one up to an old lady's dreams."* • This is an itch that Rosie has to scratch, so she sets

about designing a unique contraption to help her aunt take to the skies. Of course, it doesn't turn out as planned, but Rose helps Rosie see that it was a success, despite its short air time. By the end of the story, Rosie is wearing the same polka-dotted scarf around her head. Rosie's second-grade teacher, Ms. Greer, is a lot more encouraging and open-minded about the power of creation and creativity than she was in Iggy Peck, Architect (Abrams, 2007). Roberts's charming watercolor and ink illustrations are full of whimsical details. The rhyming text may take a few practice shots before an oral reading just to get the rhythm right, but the story will no doubt inspire conversations with children about the benefits of failure and the pursuit of dreams. —Maggie Chase, Boise State University, IDA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This celebration of creativity and perseverance is told through rhyming text, which gives momentum and steady pacing to a story, consistent with the celebration of its heroine, Rosie. She's an imaginative thinker who hides her light under a bushel (well, really, the bed) after being laughed at for one of her inventions. Then she finds encouragement from a great-great aunt whose laughter is a celebration rather than a judgment. The pairing of the wisdom of an older woman and the enthusiasm of a young girl works beautifully. Roberts's colorful watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations, overflowing with debris, gadgets, and inventions like helium pants, are as lively as the text and Rosie herself. The graph papers on the cover and end pages are reminders that creativity requires deliberate thought (Rosie's aunt gives her a notebook before they begin each invention). A historical note at the back of the book connects Rosie to her namesake, Rosie the Riveter, with her slogan, "We can do it!" • Young readers will already be convinced. Grades K-2. --Edie Ching

I sat down to read it to my 4 year old daughter because the cover looked fun. I wasn't prepared for the life lessons in it for her and for me. With an engaging story that kept her attention and illustrations you could look at over and over again, I found myself reading with a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes as Rosie battled her fear of failure to do great great things. This book is as much for mommies and daddies as their little ones. I may just read it daily.

My nephew has 2 daughters and his wife, thank goodness, will e-mail a list of her choices - because no one knows what they already have. Her choice of books are those that deal with science, engineering and math. Recently at a party, I heard her nanny and several younger couples talking

about books "that were great for kids" and heard this one mentioned.

A cute story that encourages thinking-out-of-the-box problem solving. It is especially encouraging that the main character is a female engineer when engineering-related toys are typically marketed towards boys, but that doesn't mean it isn't a good story for boys and girls alike! The illustrations are endearing as well. It makes for a great gift.

We have all three of these books -- Ada Twist, Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck -- and we love all three. My daughter seems to really respond to emotion displayed by little Rosie, and was drawn to the elder Rose character more than I would have expected. I just love these as role models and interesting exposure to career paths and historical figures.

I bought this for my three year old girls and at first they weren't super interested, but they recently really took notice of all of the neat little details in the book illustrations. I love the message and I hope it sticks, it's a wonderful book for little girls to help introduce a love of STEM.

Bought this for a friend's daughter. Because of the mixed reviews, I actually went to a bookstore to read it, before buying it here on . Honestly, if you're offended that people laugh at Rosie, I suggest you never venture out into the real world. It's a cute story, with a great lesson.

Get this book for your daughters! Since I've become a mom, I've invested a lot in picture books, but this one is in a league of its own. Little Rosie dreams of being an engineer and almost gives up on her dream until she learns that failure is often the first step on the road to success. Its poetic rhythm and rhyme and intricate illustration captured and kept My 2 year old's attention. She's learned so much from the rich vocabulary, science concepts and historical reference. After reading the book she even said she wants to be an engineer like her daddy! This totally makes up for dressing her like a princess for Halloween. *ÃfÃ Ã Å,Ã ÆœÃ â* Buy it! Seriously! Buy it!

It's not my favorite. The plot is mediocre. The characters are not developed enough (yes, I'm aware that this is a children's book). The hair over the eye is a bit emo. I wish I'd borrowed it from the library as opposed to buying it. The book did not hold my 5yo dds attention, or mine.

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