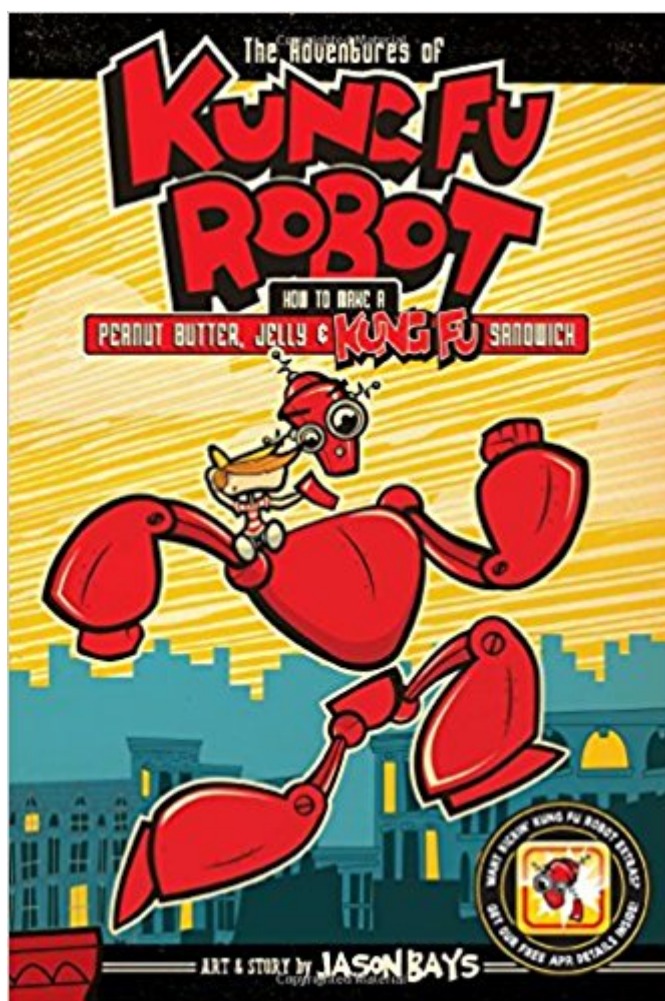


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# The Adventures Of Kung Fu Robot: How To Make A Peanut Butter, Jelly, And Kung Fu Sandwich



## Synopsis

Get ready for some kung fu fun reading! The 32 kung fu surprises hidden within the pages of this graphic novel of superhero adventures can ONLY be unlocked with Kung Fu Vision that is part of the FREE Kung Fu Robot app that corresponds with this book. Simply position a phone or tablet above the printed page, or use clues provided in the story to trigger interactive content, games, and more for an awesome, augmented reading experience. The engaging pursuit for the perfect peanut butter and jelly sandwich can't be contained on the page—it leaps onto your mobile screen with the FREE interactive Kung Fu Robot companion app for an innovative reading experience. Based on the best-selling app, this madcap graphic novel follows the adventures of a nine-foot tall red robot who loves kung fu and his 9-year old sidekick, Marvin, as they rush to rescue the city from the clutches of their evil arch-nemesis, Kung Pow Chicken, and his army of android ninjas from destroying the city's peanut butter and jelly supply. Kung Fu Robot must save the day . . . and their lunches!

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## Customer Reviews

"With an animated feel and its breakneck velocity, Bays' creation is an interesting marriage of print and digital comics and creates a multidimensional feel for young action

aficionados. — Kirkus Reviews)

Jason Bays is a man who cannot remember a time when art wasn't what he was about. His aspirations were tutored by a drifter who took the time to show him how to draw in the back booth of his granny's diner on Main Street in Amsterdam, Missouri. Rocketships and trains were good enough to get him his first gig drawing dinosaurs for his second grade play. Later he collected degrees in Illustration and Design at the Kansas City Art Institute, leading to a successful career in advertising while also giving rise to his desire to make reading more accessible for his kids. Kid Rocket Studios is a Kansas City-based kid's entertainment company that develops, publishes, and markets branded children's entertainment properties for traditional, digital, and emerging media distribution channels. With a mission of "launching imaginations," the studio has developed a number of digital experiences. Their narrative, interactive comic, Kung Fu Robot, is their most far-reaching and popular.

Well of course I love this book. The needs to be a much higher literary presence of ninjas and angry chickens. I have under good authority that the author/illustrator was raised by a pack of wild truck drivers, before and after being abducted by aliens, where he was forced to draw robots every single day. And he may just also be a great big liar-head who simply refuses to grow up and has given up on being any sort of an acceptable adult. This book will change your life, even if you don't read it. I myself used it to deflect half a dozen throwing stars, and to distract a charging rhino... both on separate occasions of course. But ninjas on a rhino would be pretty cool. And on more than one instance i used to shield my eyes from seeing something embarrassing, which may or may not have been my own reflection. Either way, you should, if anything, buy this book as a token of sympathy on the author. He needs help supporting his relentless robot drawing habit and his ongoing quest to butcher the english language every single day as he just tries to make himself laugh out loud as many times as humanly possible. So there that about covers it.

My kids ages 3, 6, and 8 all loved this book in equal measure. The plot is absurd and earned a lot of big laughs. The art is manic and colorful, with a kind of retro feel to the color palette and characters so bold you feel like you should be able to peel them off the page and stick them to your trapper keeper (that's still a thing, right?). Tons of fun.

This is a fast paced and clever entry in the silly-superhero sweepstakes, and it does what it does

very well. Kung Fu Robot is the hero and main character, while his nine year old sidekick Marvin serves mainly as a Greek chorus commenting on the action and having his warnings and predictions of doom and danger ignored. This combo works very well. Kung Fu Robot is actually a fairly endearing goofus and Marvin gets all the funniest throwaway lines. The plot is built entirely around the wonder, appeal and sheer awesomeness of peanut butter and jelly and kung fu sandwiches. (The kung fu comes in when you slap the two slices of bread together.) An evil chicken villain is stealing all of the peanut butter and jelly in the city, and Kung Fu Robot has to stop him. We start with an extended scene involving the making of a sandwich that turns out to be unacceptable because made with chunky peanut butter. So it's off to the grocery store, where we have a lengthy scene of android ninja fighting. Then we're off to the chicken's lair for a final decisive showdown. This sounds silly, and of course it is, but given the length of the book this really reads like at least three full graphic novellas collected in one volume. There is a lot of reading value here. I appreciated that there isn't a single fart joke in the entire book. Actually, if anything there are many fairly sophisticated jokes, (many delivered by Marvin), and some of those lines could be entertaining for parents and older readers and might very well go over littler readers' heads. That's fine; I'd rather be stepping up in class than going down. The drawing isn't traditional, but it isn't manga style. It's sort of disjointed and angular and expressionistic. But, it's almost always clear what's going on, which I guess is the most important thing. The book invites the reader to download a phone app that makes the book interactive. I didn't test that, but I've seen it with other books and that does add a whole new dimension to the experience. Whether it's a good idea to tie a kid's book to a phone app and bring the whole phone deal into the reading equation is something, I suspect, that each person has to decide for himself. So, this is good-natured, fun, funny, energetic and extremely fast paced. It struck me as a nice change from the usual fare and so might be worth a look. (Please note that I received a free advance will-self-destruct-in-x-days Adobe Digital copy of this book without a review requirement, or any influence regarding review content should I choose to post a review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.)

This book is about Kung Fu Robot and his nine-year old friend Marvin. They fight off the evil Kung Pow Chicken, who wants to destroy all the PB&J Sandwiches all over the world!! My favorite parts of this book were when I got to scan the special pages of the book with the special and free KUNG FU robot app. The app is super cool because it includes the Kung Fu Robot book (or at least bits of it) to read via the app and a lot of really fun interactive games! My favorite character in this book is definitely KUNG FU ROBOT!! He does Really cool stuff, like riding on rooftops on a unicycle, to

save his PBJ and KUNG FU Sandwich. Will Kung Fu robot ever save the sandwich? If you don't know, read the book and you'll find out. I give the book 5 stars because the app added so much fun interactivensess, and because the book was hilarious!! I recommend this book to kids who love kung fu and PB&J sandwiches. P.S. After reading the book, I had to make my own PBJ. It was delicious!

My son and I had a great time reading this comic. The Kung Fu part of the sandwich making was imitated immediately (thankfully not with actual food...yet) and the best parts (for my son) was always announced by a large 'Jieehah' exclamation of the Kung Fu Robot. There were a lot of more subtle jokes - I especially liked Marvin's sarcastic comments. And we both just loved the silly but mighty cute little ninja they finally 'adopted'. The style of the illustrations was different from the usual cartoon comics, with bright colors, expressionistic but also with a kind of retro touch to it which was much appreciated (especially by me). This book is definitely aimed at younger readers, however parents may have double the fun when experiencing the adventures of the Kung Fu robot together with their fascinated kid.

How fun. This book kept my nephew entertained, which is no small feat. He loved the interaction with the app and can't wait for a sequel. I encourage reading and imagination, this book delivers both. Bays shows a real talent as a writer and graphic artist. I hope he keeps kids entertained for years to come.

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