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How To Build A Robot Army: Tips On Defending Planet Earth Against Alien Invaders, Ninjas, And Zombies





Synopsis

It goes without saying that robots kill. They hunt, swarm, and fire lasers from their eyes. They even beat humans at chess. So who better to stand with us when the real villains arrive? Movies instruct us that, whether we like it or not, we will one day be under siege by pirates, ninjas, zombies, aliens, and Godzilla. Also great white sharks. And-let's face it-we're not prepared. But with the advice contained in this brilliantly illustrated, ingenious book, you can build your own robot army to fend off hordes of bloodthirsty foes. From common-sense injunctions ("never approach an unfamiliar robot in a militarized zone") to tactical pointers ("low-power radar beats cameras for detecting mummies in a fog-shrouded crypt") to engineering advice ("passive-dynamic exoskeleton suits will increase sprint speeds but not leg strength"), this book contains all the wisdom you'll need to fend off the coming apocalypse. Witty, informative, and utterly original, How to Build a Robot Army is the ideal book for readers of any age.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Daniel Wilson, robotics PhD, presents us with his third book regarding technology. He originally taught us how to survive when the robots eventually rise up against us in How To Survive a Robot Uprising: Tips on Defending Yourself Against the Coming Rebellion. Now that we know how to defeat the robots, we can use them to defend us as we must be aware of other dangers such as zombies, ninjas, aliens, Godzilla, pirates, and great white sharks to name a few. Wilson's ideas are scientifically sound and completely viable as he uses his knowledgeable background in robotics for his writing. He mixes in humorous scenarios based on cliched Hollywood movies to give the reader

a light spirited trip through a robotics debriefing lesson and where the world stands in robotic advancements. Not quite as funny as the first book but just as informative. The book itself is made of foil-edged glossy pages and filled with silhouetted artwork that stands out on its own. It's entertaining, educational, and amusing to read. Also check out Where's My Jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived to round out his writing collection.

Fun and interesting book. More thought provoking than I would have imagined, not just a 'comic book' by any means. The author clearly considered a wide range of subjects and situations. Daniel Wilson shows his expertise with a gift for making it interesting. Fun and excellent graphics also.

Daniel H Wilson has a very unique style of writing. His first two books How To Survive a Robot Uprising: Tips on Defending Yourself Against the Coming Rebellion and Where's My Jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived were absolutely brilliant, masterpieces in fact. How to Build a Robot Army although still good, when compared to those other two books doesn't come anywhere near to jumping over the extremely high benchmark already set. The other books have a lot more humour and spend a little less time on the technical side and explain it in a lot more entertaining way than this. If you haven't read Wilson's previous two books I would suggest reading them first.Richard Horne (the illustrator) has done another magnificent job with this volume though. I can't fault him at all.How to Build a Robot Army is basically using your everyday robot companions to combat the Hollywood threat scenarios of aliens, vampires, Jaws and other unwanted visitors.Although Wilson stumbled to maintain his high benchmark with his third effort, Wilson's fourth book Mad Scientist Hall of Fame: Muwahahahaha! will be worth checking out.

Not fun to read. Not illuminating or interesting in any way. Maybe for a little kid? Trust me, you have probably already covered in your imagination anything that is in this book--especially if you are a science fiction lover. Too bad, really. This could have been to robots vs. aliens what Max Brooks' books are to humans vs. zombies.

I bought this book for a friend and he loaned it to me after reading it. It's funny but if you're expecting any level of technical instruction in robotics you're looking at the wrong product. I was hoping for an even mix of futurism, comedy/silliness, and basic robotics when really the split was more 20%, 80%, 0%

The other book, how to survive a robot uprising is a better book in my opinion. This one just is trying to be the same thing but is not as good. So i would recommend buying the other one (in red) and there really is no need to have two of the same book.

This book was probably what you would expect - pretty silly and very nerdy. If you're actually plotting something sinister with robots you should probably look elsewhere. As an engineer, I thought there might have been a couple inaccuracies, but overall very informative. The pictures are also pretty funny. I don't see this winning any literary awards, but probably a good gift for the nerd in your family.

I read the library book and its awesome! Daniel H. Wilson Ph.D. makes science funny and interesting. I didn't know how to convert a car into a unmanned ground vehicle, now i do. but, i haven't done that to my dad's car yet.

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