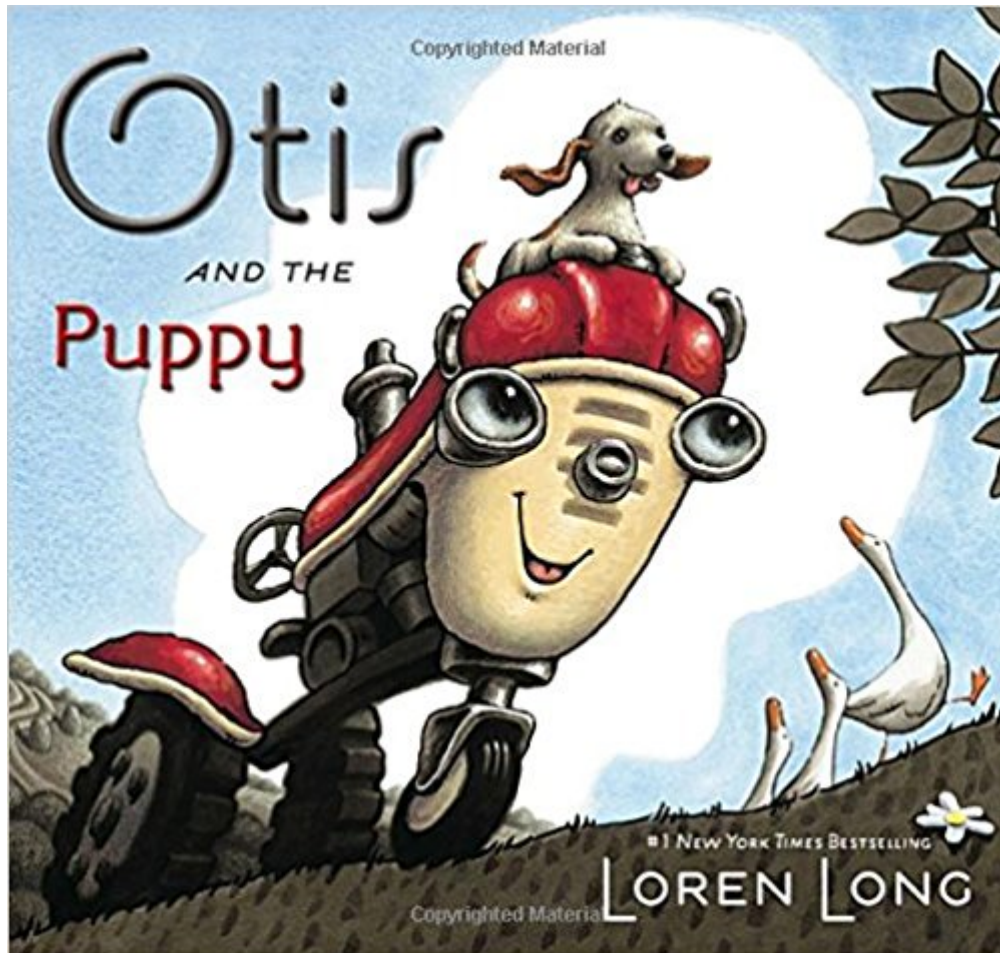




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# Otis And The Puppy



## Synopsis

The New York Times Bestseller! Otis and his farm friends love to play hide-and-seek. Otis especially loves to be "It," finding his friends as they hide. Yet when the newest addition to the farm—a bounding puppy who can't sit still and has a habit of licking faces—tries to hide, he finds his attention wandering and is soon lost in the forest. Night falls and Otis, knowing his new friend is afraid of the dark, sets out to find him. There's just one problem: Otis is also afraid of the dark. His friend is alone and in need, though, so Otis takes a deep breath, counts to ten, and sets off on a different game of hide-and-seek. From the critically-acclaimed illustrator of *The Little Engine that Could*, *Of Thee I Sing*, and *Otis*, the 2013 Read for the Record selection.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-In this fourth installment about a big-eyed, hardworking tractor, it is spring, and there is a new puppy on the farm. After Otis rescues the whimpering pooch from the doghouse (and the dark) the first night, the two become fast friends. Painterly gouache and pencil illustrations have panoramic views, and stars and headlights shine through the dark of twilight and forest. And that is where the puppy gets lost one evening, after playing hide-and-seek. When the sun sets, and the search party gives up until dawn, Otis confronts his own fear of the dark and forges ahead amid

spooky animal silhouettes and long shadows. As the two make their way home together, the night sounds are somehow no longer so frightening. Older readers will delight in Long's use of idioms, and younger children will appreciate the loyalty of a true friend and understand the terror, not of darkness, but of aloneness. Otis will win readers' hearts. -Sara Lissa Paulson, The American Sign Language and English Lower School, New York City (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

After a hard day at work, a friendly little tractor named Otis likes to wind down with a game of hide-and-seek with his barnyard friends. That group gets one member bigger the night a puppy comes to live at the farm. He's a happy little guy, licking and playing and sleeping up a storm. But he whimpers upon nightfall. So begins the puppy's habit of sleeping on Otis's seat. When a game of hide-and-seek goes awry and the puppy ends up lost in the woods shown as a page full of black behind the spooked pup Otis must use his headlights to scour the forest for his frightened friend. Plot isn't the point here Otis finds the puppy, and that's pretty much the end. What's more valuable is the softly delivered example of true friendship and how it means not giving up on a pal. In sepia-toned illustrations, Long depicts Otis as a surprisingly agile machine with Thomas the Tank Engine's style features and other anthropomorphized attributes (His heart ached deep inside his engine). Simple but moving. Preschool-Grade 1. --Daniel Kraus

grandson, Otis, loves these books which carry a wonderful message, are beautifully illustrated and great oversized size.

Loren Long has a gift for telling sweet, timeless stories. His books feel like tales that I grew up with, and my parents grew up with, and probably my grandparents grew up with. My son enjoys them now, and I'm sure he will enjoy reading them to his children. Writing stories like that takes skill, talent and a particular gift. Before writing this review, I went back to read what I wrote for my review of the first Otis book. This was my first sentence: This is one of the books that I bought solely because I love, love, LOVE the artwork. That is mostly true of Otis and the Puppy, except now I knew that I would be getting a lovely story to go with the sumptuous and absolutely perfect illustrations.

This book, like all the Otis books, is cute. My kids like it. It doesn't have a moral, or anything. It's just fun and has nice illustrations.

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Otis and the Puppy is a good book for your little ones. If you have read the first Otis do not expect the same nostalgia from this book. It's good but not quite on the same level as the original. Almost seems rushed and doesn't have the same rhythmic feel as the first.

as a retired teacher and a grandmother of two little boys I am trying to maintain a collection of "Otis" books for them for keepsakes. This is just a perfect story to add to their libraries. This book and all of Loren Long's "Otis" stories are sweet, tender, gentle and filled with soft illustrations AND a valuable moral.

Excellent. My son loves this - we both have it memorized!

Loren Long is one of my favorite Children's authors and illustrators. Our son is a big fan of the Otis series but Long's other stories are also excellent.

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