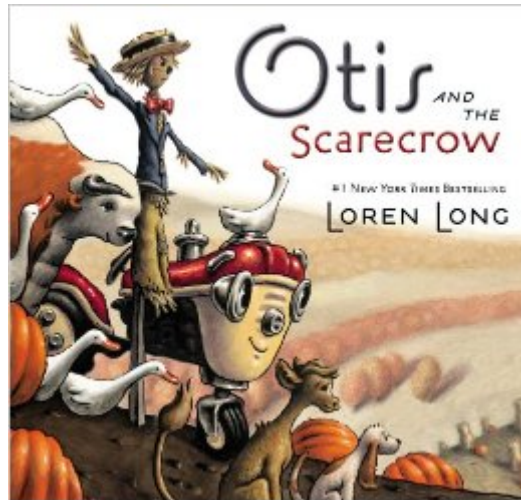


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# Otis And The Scarecrow



## Synopsis

FROM THE #1 BESTSELLING CREATOR OF OTIS AND THE ILLUSTRATOR OF THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

On the farm where Otis the tractor lives, the farmer has introduced someone new—a scarecrow to shoo away the pesky crows. But when Otis and the animals greet the scarecrow with friendly smiles, the scarecrow’s frown never leaves his face. So everyone leaves him alone. Then one day, when a cold autumn rain sets in, Otis and the animals snuggle close and play Otis’s favorite game: the quiet game. Otis knows the puppy and ducks can’t sit still for long, and soon the farm friends begin to giggle and squirm, feeling warmed by one another’s friendship. . . . but on this day, Otis can’t seem to take his eyes off the lonely figure in the cornfield. A deeply resonant book about subtle acts of compassion and standing up for others, featuring everyone’s favorite tractor, Otis.

Praise for OTIS AND THE SCARECROW: "Otis the tractor’s goodhearted nature continues to shine in his fifth picture book." —Publishers Weekly

“Readers will enjoy this sixth tale of an admirable leader who does the right thing with quiet confidence.” —Booklist

“Teachers will see the connection between the lonely scarecrow and the outsider in the classroom and will be able to find many uses for this volume in the curriculum. Fans will enjoy this more cerebral Otis and might build a little empathy along the way.” —Kirkus Reviews

Loren Long creates a perfect book for the beginning of the school year with "Otis and the Scarecrow." --Examiner.com

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

I'm always happy to see a book for young readers that teaches a valuable lesson, and Loren Long's "Otis and the Scarecrow" (Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (U.S.A), 40 pages, written and illustrated by Long, \$17.99) accomplishes this goal with aplomb. It's big, square format book that's perfect for solo readers ages 3 to 5 and for adults reading aloud. It's the sixth entry in Long's Otis the friendly farm tractor series. Growing up on a Michigan farm, I never thought of our three tractors as particularly friendly, but Long transforms these mechanical workhorses into a lovable creature called Otis. From the publisher: "On the farm where Otis the tractor lives, the farmer has introduced someone new -- a scarecrow to shoo away the pesky crows. But when Otis and the animals greet the scarecrow with friendly smiles, the scarecrow's frown never leaves his face. So everyone leaves him alone." Then one day, when a cold autumn rain sets in, Otis and the animals snuggle close and play Otis's favorite game: the quiet game. Otis knows the puppy and ducks can't sit still for long, and soon the farm friends begin to giggle and squirm, feeling warmed by one another's friendship . . . but on this day, Otis can't seem to take his eyes off the lonely figure in the cornfield." A deeply resonant book about subtle acts of compassion and standing up for others, featuring everyone's favorite tractor, Otis. "A story featuring a big-hearted, compassionate tractor like Otis is a good way of teaching young children about the values that humans so often don't practice. In an age where bullying -- particularly via electronic devices and "social" websites -- has become all too common by even very young children, the lesson that Otis teaches the other farm creatures -- and by, extension, readers of this book is particularly valuable.

My son loves Otis. We have all the books. I had this one on pre-order and was excited when it came. I hate to say I was disappointed. It's definitely my least favorite of the Otis books. The animals don't like the scarecrow because of the "sour look on his face" and other things, and it's just weird because it's an inanimate object, so of course it can't smile. I just like the stories that are about the animals a lot more. My son asks to read it from time to time, but not near as often as the original Otis book, Otis and the Puppy, An Otis Christmas, and Otis and the Tornado.

Oh, Otis. You tried so hard to engage the scarecrow! A great little book, completely enjoyed by the grandson and grandma. The illustrations are superb and like the other Loren Long books, gentle, tender, enjoyable stories. Quick shipping, careful packaging. Thank you for the great transaction.

A fantastic series of children's books. My now seven year old grand-daughter and I have enjoyed these OTIS books since the first was printed. They have become our personal family favorite books and I'm sure she will treasure them and share them with her children years from now. The illustrations a fabulous and reminiscent of children's books of my youth. Instant Family treasures!

My four grandchildren love the Otis books and want me to read them again over and over. The artwork is eye-catching and the story line always has a positive message I can discuss with my little ones after we finish the book.

Another Otis adventure that's fun for the kids and fun for the parents to read. Though the storyline in this one is rather weak, its still a beautifully illustrated book and a perfect fall read with the little ones.

This is the first Otis book I've bought and the kids love it. The illustrations are great and the hardcover book is large enough to really appreciate the art. The story is alright and has a good moral. I'll definitely be purchasing more Otis the tractor books.

Amazing! Otis is a favorite in our house and the artwork in this book is amazing, just like all the Otis books. Otis is such a kind, empathetic soul and everyone can learn from his example. In this book, Otis is particularly good at demonstrating how to be a friend to someone who doesn't conform to societal expectations, and helping the other farm friends accept the new friend on the farm.

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