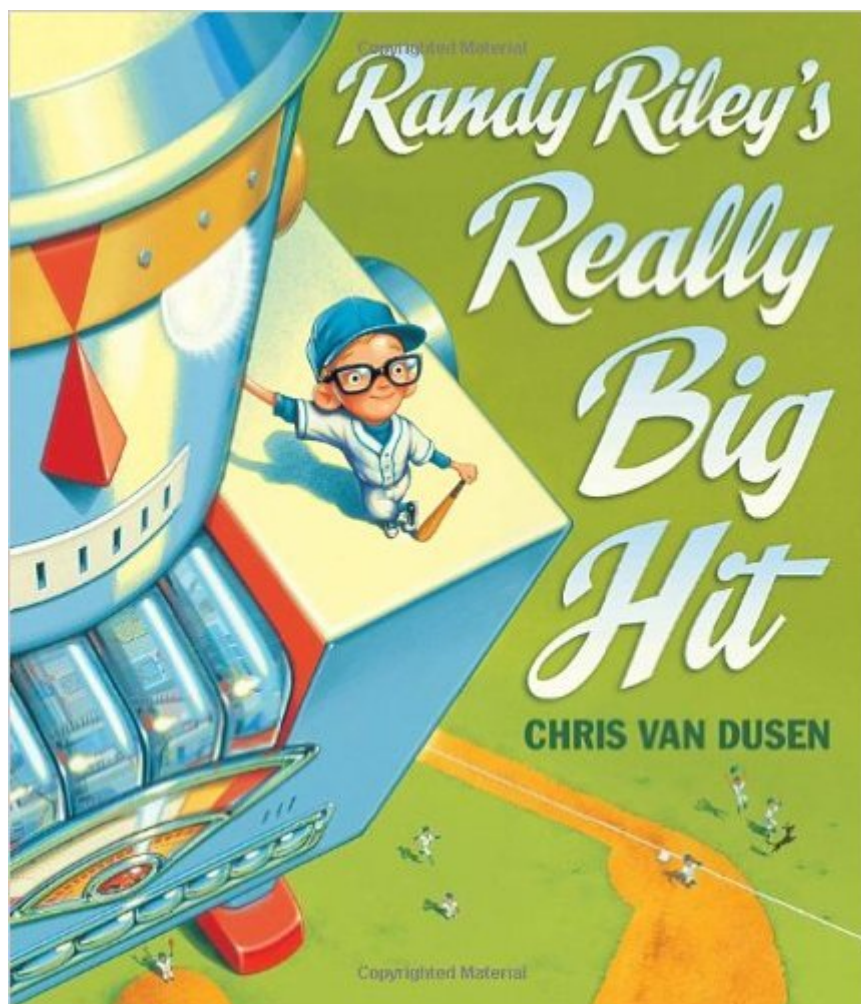


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# Randy Riley's Really Big Hit



## Synopsis

Randy likes space, robots, and baseball, but he can't ace everything . . . or can he? Chris Van Dusen knocks one out of the park with a comical ode to ingenuity. Randy Riley loves two things: science and baseball. When it comes to the solar system, the constellations, and all things robot, Randy is a genius. But on the baseball diamond? Not so much. He tries . . . but whiffs every time. Then, one night, Randy sees something shocking through his Space Boy telescope: it's a fireball, and it's headed right for his town! Randy does the math, summons all of his science smarts, and devises a plan that will save the day in a spectacular way. Once again, Chris Van Dusen winds up his visual humor, dizzying perspectives, perfect pacing, and rollicking rhyme and delivers a hit to make readers stand up and cheer.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

We got this for my son's birthday based on how much we liked Van Dusen's other books (King Hugo's Huge Ego and The Circus Ship). This one did not disappoint! The illustrations are beautiful and the story is very fun. I like that Van Dusen writes his story with poetry. This one is about a science-loving kid who builds a giant robot to save his town from a meteor fireball. Any boy is sure to love it, and I think the parents will get a kick out of it too. We sure did! It's a must-have for your children's library. We highly recommend it.

Our family loves this author. The stories are imaginative and fun, the rhythm is very upbeat and Seuss-like, and the illustrations are so very fun. This book in particular really resonated and excited our five year old.

Perfect for the kid that can't always "get it right". My oldest has this let down, often enough I notice it... It made him realize (at 4 years old mind you), there are always other talents we encounter if we just look.

As always, Van Dusen's ability to tell a tale with wonderful rhyme and great illustrations is apparent in this title. Randy, a so-so ball player, uses his problem solving talents to save the town and gets his baseball moment in the process.

This is a wonderful book for young children (3-6). I first read it as part of a program at a museum where I am a docent. The reaction from the children I read it too was so positive, that I bought it for my grandchildren. It has rhyming (good for developing literacy skills), great illustrations that keep the children interested, and if read with interaction in mind, it can keep them engaged.

Another great book by Chris Van Dusen! I absolutely love his books. The illustrations are beautiful, and the stories are fabulous! This one is great - about a boy who isn't good at baseball, but IS good at building a giant robot to save the town from a huge meteorite! I look forward to reading his books over and over again as much as my kids do! We also have *The Circus Ship*, and love it just as much.

Written in a rhyme-y, rollicking style, nerdy kid Randy loves science and astronomy, but is a flop on the baseball field. One night, he notices an asteroid heading straight for Earth and works on a secret project out back - a giant robot, who uses a chimney stack as a baseball bat to knock the fireball clean out of sight. Colorful gauche illustrations employ a strong mid-century retro aesthetic, in a suburban neighborhood of tract homes. Lots of boy appeal in this one! I highly recommend it.

Chris Van Dusen is by far the best children's author of our time. His illustrations tell the stories and the stories make the adult and child want to read on to see what happens. I live in Maine and he has a way making the pine tree state look like a fantasy land. These books have opened my

grandchildren minds. They like to take his stories and add their own ideas. I read a lot of books to my grandchildren and Chris's book are the ones I look forward to reading. My 1 1/2 year old little grand daughter loves Hugo, she calls him Oogoo. Thank you Chris

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