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Two boys like the same book at the library. In fact, they both consider it their best friend. One boy likes it because it is about robots, and he wants to be a robot when he grows up. The other boy likes the mouse in the story because it gives him a quiet place to go when his young sibling twins are making mischief. They each try to interest the other in different books with robots and mice, but nothing seems quite the same. Finally, the boys realize their favorite part of the story is how robot and mouse become best friends. They realize the book doesn't have to be their only friend, and the two boys can become best friends and read the book together.

This is a sweet story about the role books play in children's lives. Children also can be made aware that these boys solved their problem without fussing or fighting. Boys and girls may want to share their favorite books with the other children.

The illustrations are colorful and effective in telling the story.

