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Review of *Little Robot Alone* by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest

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There is a robot living by himself near a lake, and while he loves the peaceful attributes of nature, he is lonely and tired of his daily routine. But then, he has an idea and immediately gets to work building himself a companion. He works tirelessly until he has created a robot dog. When he hits the button to turn the dog on, nothing happens, so he gets back to work, adding new supplies and changing his design until he is finished again. He hits the button, and the dog begins to wag its tail! Suddenly, robot has a new friend, and they go together to explore until the day ends and robot and dog go to sleep.

This is a cute story. Throughout the story, there are occasionally small rhymes under the text that provide a playfulness to the book. The illustrations are painted and straightforward, giving the book a classic feel that works well with its simplistic story. A story about companionship, this would work well for parents to read to their children, or for a teacher over a young class.

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