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Otis is a special tractor. He loves his farmer and he loves to work. And he loves the little calf in the next stall, whom he purrs to sleep with his soft motor. In fact, the two become great friends: they play in the fields, leap hay bales, and play ring-around-the-rosy by Mud Pond.

But when Otis is replaced with the big yellow tractor, he is cast away behind the barn, unused, unnoticed . . . until the little calf gets stuck in Mud Pond. Then there is only one tractor—and it's not big or yellow—who can come to the rescue. It is little old Otis who saves his friend. It is Otis who saves the day.

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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 2—Otis is a fun-loving tractor who roams the fields after a hard day's work and plays in the haystacks. In the barn one night, his engine provides a gentle purr that helps a frightened young calf fall into a peaceful sleep. The two become inseparable. That is, until the farmer decides to upgrade and brings home a brand-new, shiny yellow tractor and relegates Otis to the weeds behind the building. Having outlived his usefulness, Otis just sits there, impervious to the calf's call to play. But when his friend gets stuck in Mud Pond and no one—not even the fire department—can pull her out, the feisty tractor revs his engine ("putt puff puttedy chuff") and saves the day. His heroism and concern for a friend are themes that will appeal to young readers. Long's gouache and pencil artwork is stunning with a red and cream main character against a sepia-toned monochromatic background. The overall effect is nostalgic and comforting as readers bond with the determined little tractor. In the end, Otis finds a place on the farm where his engine's soft purr can be put to good use. This satisfying conclusion that speaks of a place for everyone is sure to ring true to children.—*Joan Kindig, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA* END

Review

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About the Author

Loren Long grew up in Lexington, Kentucky. He pursued graduate-level studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago after graduating with a BA in Graphic Design/Art Studio from the University of Kentucky. After graduation Long worked as an illustrator for a greeting card company in Cincinnati before beginning his career as a freelance illustrator.

Since then, Long has received numerous accolades for his fluid WPA painting style. He has been awarded two gold medals from the Society of Illustrators in New York, and has been frequently selected for their annual exhibition and book. His work has also appeared in many other major annual exhibitions such as American Illustration, Communication Arts, Step By Step Graphics and Print.

Long's clients include *Time Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Boy's Life*, *Land's End*, *Sports Illustrated* and *HBO*. He has also illustrated book covers for numerous publishers and has recently concentrated on illustrating books for young readers where his work has garnered much recognition and praise.

Recent awards/accolades:

2002

The United Nations chose to hang in their lobby Long's painting of a firefighter in action, along with 21 other selections from the Prevailing Human Spirit Show at the Society of Illustrators.

2003

Recipient of the *Golden Kite Award* for picture book illustration, presented by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators for *I Dream of Trains*. The book was also selected as one of the New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, 2003.

2004

Winner of the *Parents' Choice Gold Award*.

Illustrates *New York Times* #1 best-seller, *Mr. Peabody's Apples*

To learn more about Loren Long and his books, go to [www.lorenlong.com](http://www.lorenlong.com)

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### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Doris Anderson:**

Playing with family in a park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, subsequently why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. One activity that make you not experience tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition of knowledge. Even you love Otis, you could enjoy both. It is good combination right, you still would like to miss it? What kind of hang-out type is it? Oh seriously its mind hangout men. What? Still don't understand it, oh come on its identified as reading friends.

#### **Carla Smith:**

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