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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–7—Nick and Tesla, 11-year-old twin super sleuths, narrowly escaped danger in their first mysterious adventure. The next installment in the series picks up where the first left off—with the twins spending the summer in Half Moon Bay with their eccentric, mad scientist Uncle Newt, while their parents are out of the country (supposedly) working with soybeans. The sleepy little town's only police officer is quickly out of his element when a criminal mastermind strikes. When a valuable comic disappears and other thefts occur, the twins take it upon themselves to uncover the culprit. Authors "Science Bob" Pflugfelder and Hockensmith have further developed their characters, while incorporating real science, this time in the form of robots. Step-by-step directions are included using mostly everyday objects, so readers can construct their own hoverbots and robo-roaches, while trying to decipher the clues to the mystery. With a love interest for Uncle Newt, a strong science-loving young girl, and perfectly executed red herrings, this mystery stands alone. A cryptic phone message from the twins' mom suggesting they are in mortal danger will leave fans fervently awaiting book three.—Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA

### Review

“How do you connect students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) with fiction reading? Look for science adventures. Get started with the NICK AND TESLA series. Each book contains an engaging adventure revolving around a “build-it-yourself” science project.”—*Teacher Librarian*

“Another fast-paced mystery and treat for technophiles.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

### Praise for *Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab*

“*Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab* has the perfect formula: Mega-watts of funny writing plus giga-hertz of hands-on science equals fun to the billionth power!”—Chris Grabenstein, *New York Times* best selling author of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

“Real project blueprints are included along with this tale of 11-year-old siblings who create outrageous contraptions and top-secret gadgets.”—*Los Angeles Times*

“...the combination of exciting elements and innovative DIY projects in action yields a guaranteed pager turner.”—*ScienceBuddies.org*

“[*Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab* is] a great way to show kids that problems can often be solved by applying a bit of creative energy with some tech know-how. And Nick and Tesla (and Uncle Newt) are the perfect companions for your young reader looking for some (safe) adventures.”—*Geek Dad*

“A mystery, adventure, and activity book all rolled into one entertaining story....Plenty of excitement, with science.”—*Common Sense Media*

“Part mystery, part mad science...the story will leave readers wondering what mayhem will be forthcoming.”—*School Library Journal*

“...a strong start...”—*Publishers Weekly*

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“Engaging characters and brisk plotting make this a fun and educational read.”—Jennifer Ouellette, author of *The Calculus Diaries* and *The Physics of the Buffyverse*

“A promising first offer in a series that offers plenty of appeal for middle-grade and middle school readers.”—*Kirkus*

“Suspenseful, funny, and loaded with do-it-yourself robots, rockets, and burglar alarms. Nick and Tesla are an unforgettable new detective team, sure to inspire an entirely new generation of scientists and readers. Can’t wait for the next book!”—Amy Herrick, author of *The Time Fetch*

“A book with action, adventure, mystery, humor -- and instructions on how to build rockets and robots. What more could young readers possibly want? 'Nick & Tesla' is a great book that will keep your kids enthralled with its intriguing story -- and inspire them with its clever science experiments. I can't wait for the further adventures of these fascinating characters.”—Stuart Gibbs, Edgar-nominated author of *Spy School* and *Belly Up*

“I love the book! It combines science, intrigue and great fiction together in a wild ride for the reader. Nothing tickles me more than seeing a story really charged up with science. And the projects are so much fun! More please!”—Lynn Brunelle, four-time Emmy Award–winning writer for “*Bill Nye the Science Guy*” and the author of *Pop Bottle Science*

“What kid wouldn't want to join Nick and Tesla and their wacky family? This is a great way for budding scientists to have fun while exploring the intricacies of physics, chemistry, and more--up close, personal, and hands-on!”—Jane Hammerslough, author of *Owl Puke: The Book* and *Dino Poop: And Other Remarkable Remains of the Past*

“Pflugfelder and Hockensmith debut a captivating series about crime-solving kid inventors in the spirit of Tom Swift and Alvin Fernald. But Nick and Tesla give us what their literary predecessors always omitted: blueprints for whiz-bang inventions that kids can actually build themselves (with some adult assistance). Electromagnets, tracking devices, rockets and the like. Hands-on science has never been so cool.”—Joseph D'Agnes, author of *Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci*

#### About the Author

“**Science Bob**” **Pflugfelder** is an elementary school teacher based in Newton, Massachusetts. He has made many television appearances on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *The Dr. Oz Show*, *Live with Kelly & Michael*, and other media outlets. These are his first books. **Steve Hockensmith** is the author of a *New York Times* best seller and an Edgar Award nominee. He lives in Alameda, California.

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