



Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention

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It's a big day in junior inventor Izzy Gizmo's house: a letter has arrived with an invitation to an Invention Convention. At first, Izzy is uncharacteristically unsure, pointing out that her machines don't always work. Following a wonderfully robust response to that from her Grandpa - 'Cobblers!' he shouts - they pack up her tools and set off for Technoff Isle in an extraordinarily wonderful, amphibious vehicle, designed by Izzy. The plot moves forward as energetically as Izzy's contraption, with the young inventors challenged to an invention competition. Izzy seems to be in trouble when one of her competitors selfishly hoards all the materials available for herself, but there's very little that Izzy can't tackle with her limitless ingenuity and creativity.

Picture book stars don't come much more inspirational or resilient than young Izzy, but she's thoroughly human too, not above getting frustrated or bad-tempered and often in need of encouragement from Grandpa and her friend Fixer the crow. The story is a joyful celebration of inventions and inventiveness with an excellent message for young readers. Pip Jones's rhyming text and Sara Ogilvie's action-packed illustrations match each other for wit and energy. This is a story guaranteed to fire the imagination, and let's face it, the world needs more Izzy Gizmos.

This is the second story about Izzy and Fixer. The series began with [Izzy Gizmo](#) [4].

Read our [Q&A interview with Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie](#) [5].

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