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Meet Blip. Blip loves being plugged into her computer. When a blackout occurs, Blip trips over her wire and tumbles outside.

Suddenly, Blip's gray world is filled with color and excitement. She plays with her new friends and has adventures all day long. When Blip finally returns home, she realizes that the world can be even brighter once you unplug.

## **Unplugged Details**

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## From Reader Review Unplugged for online ebook

### zapkode says

{My thoughts} – Blip deals with a power outage that causes them to be unplugged from their computer. They aren't use to being unplugged but ends up spending time outside, doing new things, and making new friends. Eventually Blip ends up going back home and plugging back into his computer. Once he does that he begins to miss all the fun he'd had while he was unplugged.

I really like this book. It helps to show children that electronics aren't everything and that they can potentially have more fun, without electronics. In today's world it seems to be extremely difficult for children to walk away from electronics and do things outside of the electronic world. It's not very often that children aren't on a computer, game console or phone.

I think that many children could easily benefit from this book. I also think that parents can benefit from being able to show or teach their children that it is possible to have fun without the use of electronic devices.

I highly recommend this book for all home libraries.

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### Jessica Furtado says

Cute, & a timely reminder for parents and kiddos about the importance of backing away from the iPad and other screens to enjoy some of life's simpler adventures.

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### Kristina Jean Lareau says

3.5 stars

Great contrast in the illustrations between indoors and outdoors. I wish there was a place for balance in this story for being unplugged and with technology.

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### Abigail says

A little robot named Blip enjoys being connected to her computer in this newest picture-book from British author/artist Steve Antony, creator of the *Mr. Panda* stories. But when a blackout occurs and she finds herself inadvertently in the great outdoors, Blip discovers that she can learn new things and play games in the natural world as well. She can also make real friends...

I appreciated the premise of Unplugged - that it is a good thing to disconnect ourselves from our digital lives from time to time, and see the wider world around us - and found the story engaging. The artwork is cute - I liked Blip's wide-eyed animal friends - although there were times it felt a little flat to me. All in all, I can't say this one made an especially strong impression on me, or that I enjoyed it as much, visually speaking, as some of Antony's earlier books. That said, it was sweet, and I would definitely recommend it to those searching for children's stories about unplugging from machines, devices and gadgets, and living more in the

natural environment outside our doors.

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### **Jon(athan) Nakapalau says**

The world outside is amazing (and in color) and all you have to do is unplug! Great book for small children who never want to go outside to play because the computer has cast a spell over them - maybe for some adults also!

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### **Tinnie says**

This was really adorable.

A story to encourage kids who spend too much time indoors and glued to their computer screens to go outside and explore.

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### **Scottsdale Public Library says**

Blip the robot discovers the joy of unplugging once and awhile, even though being plugged into her computer is tons of fun. Adorable illustrations accompany the sparse text of this delightful and direct book. Readers may also enjoy "It's a Book" by Lane Smith or "Norton and Alpha" by Kristyna Litten - Alexis S.

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### **Olivia Tosti says**

An amazing book with the perfect message especially in today's society that being unplugged can lead to great adventures!

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

A good message delivered with the subtlety of a sledgehammer and with charming illustrations.

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### **Paul "Axl" Askew says**

This is just wonderful. Steve Antony's books make me so happy that whenever I read them, I feel the need to give them a little hug afterwards.

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### **Juliana says**

This is an adorable book about Blip who is plugged into the internet all day long. One day, Blip becomes unplugged after a blackout and discovers the outside world. Blip makes friends with some animals and sees that there's more to the world than what's online. It's straightforward and obviously a lesson that you should take time to unplug from technology every once in a while. The illustrations were also pretty cute.

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### **Shelle Perry says**

Unplugged is the story of Blip. Blip spends her days plugged into her computer for all the right reasons. She plays games for sure, but she also learns new skills, takes advantage of educational help, learns about new places and makes friends. However, as parents have been asking since computers first became a part of our homes, "What happens when the power goes out?" Blip finds out. Tripping over her plug in the dark she tumbles out the door and down the hill and into a river that takes her into a new kind of adventure. She plays games and learns new things and makes new friends and guess what, the world doesn't end.

The message is a bit on the obvious side. Outside-GOOD Electronics-Bad, as the extreme contrast in artwork, would imply. Monochrome pixels versus a bright open woodland setting, quite beautifully done, I might add and quite obviously where Mr. Antony excels. While I do think that any one-sided message is not really how we should be teaching our kids, the message to unplug and play in the 3D world once in while is a good one and I do believe that most kids will find Blip to be so adorable they won't really be noticing that they are being taught, and that is how it should be.

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### **Rebecca Ann says**

This not so subtle story shows that it is just as much fun to play outside as on video games. As an avid gamer, I'm not sure I buy it, but I almost did because this book is just so cute! The simple text makes it perfect for a preschool-2nd grade storytime.

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### **Mischenko says**

Blip loves her computer and enjoys using it all day long. One day, there's a blackout and she's left with no electricity. She ends up outdoors discovering all the beauty and how much she was missing being plugged into her computer all day. She makes new friends and enjoys nature until the end of the day when she returns home.

This is such a cute book and we loved Blip and all the illustrations. We had discussions afterwards about how it's good to have a set amount of screen time throughout the day. Spending time outdoors can be even more fun and a good balance is key. Great book for all ages.

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## Calista says

My nephew is obsessed with Robots. This is a great little story for him. It's about a robot who spends all day doing fun things on the computer. There is a black out and he is forced to go outside. He realizes how much better outside it and he has many fun adventures.

I think it's a great message and a cute little story. I don't know if the nephew understood it, but he enjoyed the story.

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