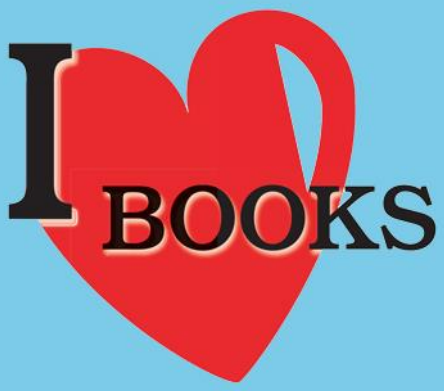


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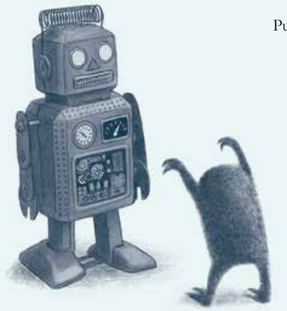
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When it was time to take a bath, he told his mother,
"I'd love to, but I'm saving the planet from aliens."



When it was time to get out of the bath and go to bed,
he told his father – politely, because astronauts are always polite –
"Sorry, no can do. I'm on my way to Mars."

An astronaut's work is never done,
so astronauts do not like to sleep.