

Margie and Bunny

A Picture Book



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Creating a Picture Book with AI

I used OpenAI technology to write a picture book. The technology assist is very cool.

A prompt is the text we type to an artificial intelligence (AI) to evoke a response:

Human: Who are you?

AI: I am a chatbot who can talk on any subject. What would you like to talk about?

In the dialog above, the prompt is what the Human types: "Who are you?".

We have a dog Margie and I was curious what the OpenAI ChatGPT AI might come up with in a story about one of her favorite stuffed animals. This is the prompt I used for ChatGPT at <https://chat.openai.com/chat>:

In 500 words or less, write a story about my Labrador Retriever dog Margie's best stuffed animal friend called Bunny. Bunny is a bunny rabbit stuffed animal with big floppy ears. Margie has a whole collection of stuffed animals but she likes Bunny the best and carries Bunny to greet people.

The response that ChatGPT came up with is in the rest of the book. The prompt for the cover image using OpenAI DALL·E 2 at <https://openai.com/dall-e-2> is:

A yellow Labrador Retriever dog hugging a plush stuffed gray bunny, digital art

ChatGPT wrote the starting text, and then I added my edits. I broke the text into pages and added the illustrations which were created by OpenAI DALL·E 2, with some graphic editing. I used these DALL·E 2 prompts:

- A yellow Labrador Retriever dog carrying a stuffed gray bunny rabbit in her mouth, digital art
- A yellow Labrador Retriever dog and a stuffed gray bunny walking in the park, digital art. I replaced the bunny with: "A cute plush gray bunny with floppy ears walking, right side, light background, digital art"
- Two labrador retrievers playing with a stuffed bunny animal, digital art
- 3D rendering of children playing with labrador retrievers and a stuffed bunny in a park
- little girl with stuffed bunny and lab retriever, digital art
- little girl crying with labrador retriever and stuffed bunny, digital art
- Happy Labrador Retriever with little girl and stuffed bunny, digital art
- A yellow Labrador Retriever dog is happy with a stuffed bunny, cartoon style

Hope you like it!

Margie and Bunny

Margie, the Labrador Retriever, had a whole collection of stuffed animals, but her favorite one was Bunny, with big floppy ears. Margie was a friendly and playful dog who loved to carry Bunny to greet people. She would wag her tail excitedly and present Bunny to anyone who came to visit.



One day, Margie decided to take a walk in the park. Margie was very excited and couldn't wait to show Bunny to all the other dogs and people she would meet. Margie was so proud of her stuffed animal friend. She would often stop and nuzzle Bunny, as if to make sure she was still there.



As they reached the park, Margie was greeted by several other dogs who were playing. They sniffed around her and wagged their tails in greeting. Margie, in turn, presented Bunny to them, and they all seemed fascinated by the stuffed animal. Some of the dogs tried to grab Bunny, but Margie held onto her tightly. She was determined to keep Bunny safe and by her side.



As they continued on their walk, they came across a group of children who were playing. The children were delighted to see Margie and her stuffed animal friend, and they all crowded around to pet her. Margie, in turn, presented Bunny to the children, and they all laughed and cooed at the cute rabbit. One little girl in particular took a shine to Bunny and asked Margie's owners if she could hold her. Margie's owners agreed, and the little girl took Bunny from Margie's mouth.



Margie watched as the little girl hugged and cuddled Bunny, and she seemed happy to see her stuffed animal friend being loved by someone else. However, as the little girl walked away with Bunny, Margie started to feel anxious. She didn't like the thought of being separated from Bunny, even for a moment. She barked and chased after the little girl, trying to get her to give Bunny back.



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The little girl was surprised by Margie's behavior and started to cry. Margie's owners quickly intervened and explained the situation to the little girl. They told her that Bunny was Margie's special friend and that she was just trying to keep her safe. The little girl understood and gave Bunny back to Margie.



Margie was overjoyed to have Bunny back in her possession, and she nuzzled her happily. She then went back to the little girl and licked her face, as if to apologize for her earlier behavior. The little girl giggled and petted Margie, and they all continued on their walk together.



From that day on, Margie was even more attached to Bunny. She made sure to always keep her close and protected. And whenever they went to the park, Margie would proudly present Bunny to everyone she met, always making sure to keep a close eye on her stuffed animal friend. Bunny had become a constant companion and the best friend Margie ever had.



Yay Margie and Bunny!