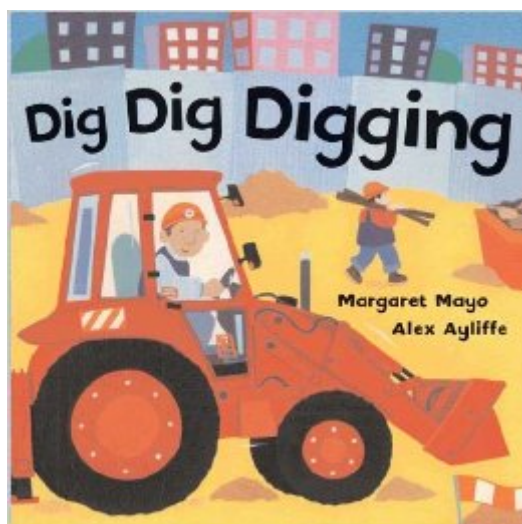


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Dig Dig Digging



Synopsis

Busy machines for busy kids!"Diggers are good at dig, dig, digging,scooping up the earth and lifting and tipping.They make huge holes with their dig, dig, digging.They can work all day."Trucks and tractors, fire engines and helicopters-they all like to work hard. But after a long, happy day of beep-beeping and vroom-vrooming, even the busiest engines need to rest. This bright, bouncy, noise-filled book brings together all the vehicles that children adore.

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

"Cranes are good at lift, lift, lifting. Up go the bricks to the top of the building. Down come the pipes, very slowly, spinning. They can work all day.""Dig, dig, digging" is a sandbox full of action scenes, played out on a large, vividly colored scene. The text sounds brawny and muscular, the machines look industrial and hard-working (but freshly painted in non-traditional colors--this might be waht Leggo@ looks like to a three-year old), and the workers are all men. I'll return to that oversight below.It's all about nouns (vehicles and machines such as garbage trucks, dump trucks, tractors, road rollers, bulldozers, helicopters) and verbs (rolling, flattening,rumbling tumbling,gripping, pushing, whirring, zooming,whizzing, and rescuing)! Both the text and the illustrations add small but important details to the main scene, beefing up the action and realism another notch: Garbage trucks gobble, and crunch, squeezing and squashing. A tractor sends dirt flying, while in the background fields we see a somewhat alarmed bunny, a blase bird atop the tractor (and one pulling

a worm from the ground), and a scarecrow obviously not scaring any birds! There's a lot of heavy moving, lifting and scraping, but talented illustrator Alex Ayliffe keeps the images clean and easy to grasp: Even the crashing rocks from a tipping dump truck don't kick up any scene-obscuring clouds of dirt. The text is also working up a sweat, following the action by tilting upwards or down, varying in length, and especially in size ("CRASH!"). However, even the narrative takes a break, as every passage ends with the calming repetition of "They can work all day."

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