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What Can A Crane Pick Up?



Synopsis

A rollicking laugh-out-loud board book about cranes and construction! What can a crane pick up . . . a truck? Yes, a truck! And a truck . . . And a truck . . . And a railroad car, if it gets stuck. Pick up construction tools, bricks, and loads of steel, then move on to funny objects like a cow, a Ferris wheel . . . even an ancient mummy's case! With simple, fun rhymes and friendly illustrations, this book is sure to delight toddlers and parents alike. But watch out: Cranes pick UP "that" what they do! Look out, or a crane might pick up you!

Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

PreS-K-Smiling, anthropomorphic machines romp through the pages of this rhyming text, showing the many things a crane can pick up, from trucks to cars and trains to planes, from sunken ships and mummy cases to a space shuttle. Sometimes they lift up a polar bear or cartons and cartons of underwear. Cranes can even pick up other cranes. Lowery's pencil, silk screen, and digital-media art makes excellent use of flat, retro colors-blue, green, brown, gold, yellow, and gray-and seamlessly integrates the type into the design. The humorous text is just the ticket for toddler storytimes, although some of the rhymes seem a bit forced. The imaginative, lighthearted illustrations are the real draw here and will be a big hit with construction-site lovers. They're sure to want to hear this one again and again.-Sharon Grover, Hedberg Public Library, Janesville, WI (c)

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, July 23, 2012: "It's clear that this machine lives in the best of all possible worlds: where happiness is busyness, calm competence prevails, and no job is too small. Sign us up." •

(Cross Post from an Earlier Goodreads Review Shared Here by the Reviewer) Rebecca Kai Dotlich's **WHAT CAN A CRANE PICK UP** is a delightful little book that would pair well with the popular books about construction like **GOODNIGHT GOODNIGHT, CONSTRUCTION SITE**, Gail Gibbons's **HOW A HOUSE IS BUILT**, and **BUILDER GOOSE**, a charming little book of rhymes about construction. What Rebecca Kai Dotlich has created here is a book that speaks to the Tonka truck set. Those lovable little ones who are still stacking blocks to make towers, turning handles to operate string operated cranes and scoops, and plowing paths with bulldozers, believing that one day they may be behind the sticks that make these big machines move. **WHAT A CRANE CAN PICK UP** invites itself to be read aloud. I think this is the only way to catch the sly little rhythms that Rebecca has built into the text the way a masterful children's poet can and will (and an underwear reference will carry it to six stars for knowing and speaking to the demographic here). What happens here is a question that might read like, "What can the listener 'pick up' in what the author has left behind to be discovered?" Well. . .really nothing if we are not inviting young readers, especially our younger guy readers to scoop into the lines, to pull them to their ear like a cup fashioned by a string to the author's intent, plowing ahead into other collections of verse that deal in machinery and mechanization. Mike Lowry's illustrations give a little personality to the cranes depicted within. The cranes remind me, as I am sure they will younger readers, of the ever-grinning Lego figures that come with the building kits. I love the businessmen in suits on a pallet along with cowboy boots. Go back. Read this aloud to yourself again. Deepen your voice a little. Give yourself a little English accent and hear what Rebecca has really created with this charming little book. Don't stop on the page; hit that rhythm and you will see what makes this deceptively-simple book really sing. . .or if you will. . ."move." Okay. Now, watch. . .this is how we bring this one all of the way up to the secondary level. Isn't this book an invitation to think about classical invention? Really? Listen to the title. . .what can a _____? Upon closer inspection, we see Rebecca being a little light-hearted and silly with the crane, but what can _____ do? Or _____ (fill these in with student interests and you have a wonderful introduction to how to shape a topic for research

asking a simple analysis question that leads to categorization and classification. Two more titles to "ladder up" with Rebecca Kai Dotlich's book might be: **CLICK, RUMBLE, AND ROAR: POEMS ABOUT MACHINES** by Lee Bennett Hopkins **INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS** by Lee Bennett Hopkins

My grandson loved identifying the things pictured in this cute book which shows the many and varied objects a crane can pick up. Some of the objects were unusual (for a crane), which he found hilarious. The pictures were clearly drawn and the text was easy to understand. All in all, a perfect book for 2-3 year-olds, especially two-and-a half year old gearheads!

What a warm and delightful pairing! One of my favorite poets, Rebecca Kai Dotlich, once again brings her talents to a picture book, and the combination of her joyful text with Mike Lowery's whimsical illustrations is perfect. We purchased **WHAT CAN A CRANE PICK UP?** for our little nephew who is watching his own house being built, and he adores both word and picture. This is one of those "read it again" books, and would sit happily on a nightstand with **GOODNIGHT GOODNIGHT CONSTRUCTION SITE** by Sherri Duskey Rinker. I plan to give this as a gift to many more little ones in my life, and I hope for more **WHAT CAN A...?** books by this team.

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There are rhymes in the middle and rhymes at the end--the fun in this book just never ends! Dotlich has managed to take us on a whimsical, lyrical voyage through cities, countrysides and even a stop in Egypt. From perfectly cushioned alliterations to internal rhymes, the language will delight the child and adult alike. With diversity in both text and illustrations, the reader will be captivated by this charming tale of the crane's domain.

What Can a Crane Pick Up? is a book that will have an adult looking for a child so they can read it aloud. Laced with humor and rhymes that work, children will pick up on the pattern and will anticipate and read along on the fifth or thirteenth or eighty-seventh reading, which they will demand. The good part is that adults will be willing to read it that many times!

Cute story. Didn't capture my construction obsessed son's attention as much as I'd anticipated from other reviews. A good story but definitely not one he gravitates toward.

We checked this book out at the library and my girl and boy twins loved it so I had to buy it :) Cute book!!

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