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Smash! Crash! Ka-boom!

A is for Aerial lift.

B is for Backhoe.

C is for Cement Mixer.

Readers explore construction equipment in this noisy alphabet book. Jerry Pallotta's trademark humor punctuates the informative text. Vibrant oil paintings bring to life a busy construction site.

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Rochelle Sondae says

I grew up knowing quite a few of these machines since my Grandfather was an owner-operator of a backhoe. I did not know all of them however and was surprised by the advisory mentioned on the front-end loader page that riding in the bucket was dangerous. I've ridden in the bucket of my Grandpa's backhoe and it was a lot of fun!! If I remember correctly we just went up about ... 10 feet... and back down again. He didn't actually drive anywhere.

Gustavus Cliffe says

This is my 1.5 year old sons FAVOURITE book. I love that I got to learn all the names of the machines so I could point them out in the public without just saying, 'look a truck!'

Joella www.cinjoella.com says

I didn't like how this book ended. I loved working the way through the alphabet with various construction tools, vehicles, etc. But at the end it started the alphabet over again. After the second "a" and "b" and "c" the book says it doesn't have enough pages to do the alphabet over again so the reader should finish the alphabet themselves. Personally I think they should have just stopped after the first alphabet...then I would have just been excited about all the fun construction tools.

Elizabeth says

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Heather Utley says

This book is fine, in that it does what it sets out to do: pairing trucks with letters of the alphabet. This is always a sketchy endeavor when confronted with Q and X yet so many authors attempt this awkward endeavor each year. My two year old loves it and knows it by heart. My main complaint is that there is not less text, because 26 pages (plus a few bonus pages) is a bit long for my attention span.

Samantha Penrose says

A great choice for construction site loving kids. My boys (ages 3 & 5) and I learned alot from this book including the proper name for the vactor truck, and that the word laser is an acronym...it stands for light

amplification by stimulated emission of radiation....what a mouthful!

At first I thought the book was a little too technical, but the kids really enjoy reading it and they retained the majority of the information in it. They can identify any equipment on any construction site and have corrected me on more than on occasion...

Veronika says

Great pictures, I would like to hang a print like this in my son's bedroom.

Great text, explains the machines, their real names and function and for the little reader gives very descriptive sounds.

My two year old is loves machines. This was great book because it gives the real names (which I need to learn too) and the pictures are beautiful (machines don't have to have ugly, computer made pictures).

I think it will be great book for later years too, help with the letter sounds.

Kiddo says

I find this book charming and helpful. Never did I think I'd be so pleased to find out the difference between an excavator and a backhoe loader (the former rotates 360 degrees) or a grader and scraper (the latter can fill in holes as it goes). The illustrations are very nice. The author has a few little jokes in the text and does not just go A to Z. He starts over again and does a second A - C ending with encouragement for the reader to finish it and 'Write a zillion books!'

Jennifer Heise says

Various pieces of construction equipment are profiled for each letter of the alphabet. Plus another A, B, and C... apparently the author couldn't bear to leave out bulldozer etc. The illustrations are realism drawings and thus fairly boring to a non-construction-obsessed parent, but the text descriptions are interesting/entertaining, especially the ones that describe how the equipment sounds. A bigger variety of equipment (including X-scaffolding and Quad-axel trailers!) than is usual in such books.. vertical drillers, vactors (who knew that was what those sewer vacuums were called?), a knuckleboom loader (again, who knew). My son refuses to let me read about the pavement cutter or zipper attachment-- probably the circular saw blades, though he may have been disturbed by the author's recommendation not to use a pavement cutter to cut your toenails.

I did like the final lines: after getting to C for the second time, the author enjoins the reader/listener to write their own, in fact to write a million books.

Some of the text falls flat to a parental reader, but apparently my 4 year old likes it. Pair with *B is for bulldozer : a construction ABC* for a different take, with a plot, or the very silly *Bang! Boom! Roar! : a busy crew of dinosaurs* for even more plot but perhaps too much whimsy.

Karla Winick-Ford says

Looks like it's from the 60s based on illustrations

Vocabulary isn't appropriate for early childhood

This is best used in a first grade classroom where abc books aren't as dominate

Melissa Namba says

wow! my nephew is going to love this book! I did not realize that there were that many trucks. this is informative with real pictures. I would gift this to any kid who loves trucks or the kids of anyone who works in construction. it does not dumb down information, but it has fun with the truck noises.

Rachael says

This is a fun book. I have learned a fair bit about construction machinery, and Mr. Wigglesworth likes it too.

Amy says

My niece and nephew and I just love these Jerry Pallotta alphabet books. All of them are just so educational, entertaining, and beautifully drawn. This one was no exception. My niece didn't care so much for it (she says), but her interaction with her brother and me while reading the story tells a different tale. Her brother loved it, and so did I. Just another great Jerry Pallotta alphabet book.

Karen says

My five-year-old son picked this book out from the library this week. He does like his alphabet books.

I was impressed that the entire alphabet was used to list construction equipment. I was doubly impressed when Jerry Pallotta didn't "cheat" with the X word. I have to admit that we didn't read all of the text: It was lengthy and didn't add much to the book. But still, this was a very enjoyable read.

And the illustrations were very well done.

Allison Homeyer says

In this book we learn and explore different construction equipment while learning about the alphabet. This book was quirky and fun! As a future speech pathologist, I really love books that can teach a child basic things; such as the alphabet, colors, or animals. This book would be wonderful to use in a therapy session

with a male client as he learns his alphabet and even what different letters/phonemes sound like.
