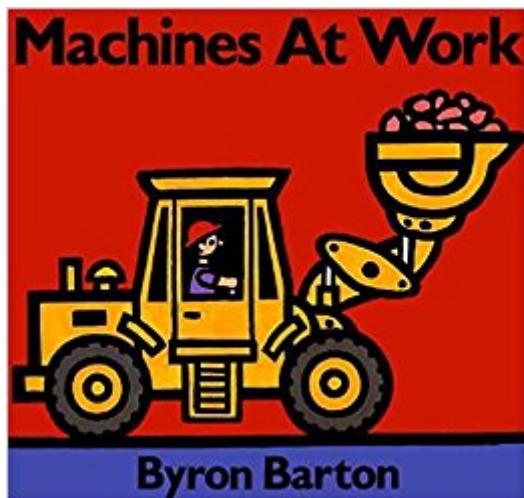


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# Machines At Work



## **Synopsis**

Byron Barton's classic book about a busy day at the construction site is perfect for fans of Richard Scarry and Tom Lichtenheld! Rhythmic text and bold, graphic illustrations convey all the energy and excitement of the day while workers use a variety of machines to knock down a building and begin constructing a new one. Young readers will love learning the names of the machines while seeing them at work. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

As with his recent books *Trains, Trucks, Airplanes and Boats* *Machines at Work* is characterized by bold, black outlines and vivid colors. Barton takes youngsters through an entire day at a construction site. The workers, a multiracial group of men and women, arrive and begin their day. Unlike other books on big machines for this age group, Barton's is not a catalogue of heavy equipment. Each vibrant spread shows people and machines actively working. The short, punchy narrative reinforces the dynamics of the illustrations. Kids are fascinated by dump trucks, bulldozers, cranes, cement trucks, etc. This will prove a popular read-aloud for preschoolers and satisfying read-alone for beginners. Ages 3-7. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 1 Barton's bold double-page illustrations depict a busy day at a construction site as workers (with the positive inclusion of women) knock down a building and start a new one. In

Barton's characteristic style, the bright primary colors and chunky shapes outlined in thick black lines convey an effect that is not static. Energy and action abound. The illustrations are accompanied by the simplest possible text, a one-line description. The machines shown are not named, but their functions are described. The sequence of events is clear and easily followed. Barton draws young readers and listeners into the book by the initial call to work. ("Hey, you guys!") and the use of the first person-plural ("Let's get to work"). This visual treat, dished up with a nice helping of simple information, will entertain the very young. Connie Tyrrell Burns, Mahoney Middle School Library, South Portland, MaineCopyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is my go to book for little boys about 9 months-3 yrs. It was a favorite for both of my boys. Both of my daughters though never showed any interest in this book.

i have given this book as a gift probably five or six times. This book is a must for anyone with boys 0-5 years old. I probably have this book memorized I've read it so many times. I don't find it very interesting but the kids love it.

My Grandson loves his new book. I am so pleased with my purchase.

This is my son's favorite book. We got the hardcover from the library and I knew he wanted to have his own copy. I like that features both men and women and different folks with a variety of skin colors. He loves the excavator. I get a little sad on the page where they bulldoze the tree but that's just me. He loves it and the board book is rugged enough to toss around.

This was our first Byron Barton book, and we love it! Our son said some of his first words while reading this book with him. A previous reviewer found the book disjointed, but I'd have to disagree. The first half of the book is all about the destruction required before construction ("Knock down that building", "Dig up that road"). Then, we have lunch. After lunch, it's all about building up again ("Lift that beam", "Mix the cement"). Finally, after building and road are built, it's time to stop the machines and go home (but there's "More work tomorrow"). It's got a nice balance, and if you're reading it at bedtime, it's a nice segue into a talk about all the things you did today, and what you'll do tomorrow.

My son has this book in the daycare but the large one and he loves it. I ordered this I thought it is the large one but I got this tiny book

My son loves these simple Byron Barton books. We already had "Trains" and "Planes" so we thought we'd try "Machines at Work" and "Trucks.". He loves these too! They aren't the most entertaining for adults, but for my two year old son, they are perfect.

This book is awesome and so are the other books in this series. My 2 year old son loves this book and has actually increased his vocabulary series. Highly recommend this book as a mother of 2, pictures are clear and words/print is simple!

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