

Synopsis

The station wagon, the tow truck, the garbage truck and the bulldozer. Every manner of machinery that moves is riotously depicted in this classic favorite. As the pig family head to the beach for a picnic, they encounter every vehicle known, from the forklift to the locomotive, and many vehicles that are not as common, from the pumpkin car to the broom-o-cycle. Each detailed spread provides tremendous opportunity to make up stories and describe situations. Will Officer Flossy catch Dingo? Will Rollo Rabbit catch his runaway steamroller? And with literally hundreds of things to look at, youngsters will spend hours trying to find Goldbug on every page.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I grew up with this book as my favorite and it got a lot of use in my readings. After lots of scotch tape repairs, the books binding finally fell apart and my mom had to buy another one for me. Now I have my own child and even though he is a 16 month old and doesn't fully appreciate everything it has to offer, he loves the variety of pictures and the large pages that he can turn. And as he learns the names of more things, he has more to point to in the book. The main upside of the book is that there is a lot to look at on every page. Not just vehicles, but scenery and action make each turn of the page a new adventure. While there is a story that goes on through the entire book, you can get lots of enjoyment just by flipping through it and this makes it worthwhile for younger children who don't

have the longest of attention spans. The pictures are clear and bright and help with building vocabulary and recognition. Before "Where's Waldo," there was Goldbug. After a while, children will know exactly where he is on each page but having to hunt for him the first several times through adds something else to the charm of Richard Scarry. The downsides are small and not worth worrying about. The pages are big but that means they are easily ripped. Just keep the tape handy. Also, pagewise, it is a long book for that age and parents can grow tired of reading it. But the actual amount of words is small. Most of the time is taken by looking at everything and searching for Goldbug. And most kids seem to enjoy looking through the book by themselves. And I can't complain at all if a book keeps kids interested in reading. And I expect to buy another copy someday.

I AM SO SICK OF THIS BOOK! Both of my sons, ages 2 & 4 are obsessed with this book and I have to read it at least once per day. They can also look at it without me as the many cute, silly pictures speak for themselves. It's an adorable book.

This book was my favorite book when I was a little kid. That is part of the reason I gave it five stars. It is not only a fun book to read but it is also fun to look for this little yellow creature on each page. There is an Officer Flossy who rides on a bike and chases a terrible driver in a sports car throughout the entire book, while the Pig family goes on a picnic to the beach. The pictures of all the different types of vehicles are very interesting and fun to look at.

This book is so much more than a vocabulary builder! There are dozens of modes of transportation (from motor-scrappers to locomotives to doughnut cars), real and imagined, represented in the humorous illustrations. The settings take children through various seasons and parts of a community (a farm, a Main street, a campground, a beach, etc.). The questions from your child will be endless...How is a road made? What are the firefighters doing? Has Officer Flossy found Dingo Dog yet, so she can give him a ticket? And where, oh where is that Goldbug hiding? Inside the limousine? Behind the ambulance? Inside the broken-down car that is being towed by a small tow truck, which is being towed by a larger tow truck? This is so much more than just an entertaining story to be read, but an opportunity to ask and answer questions together, to find something new each time you read together, and to explore an imagined version of the world around us. My 3 1/2 year old son has loved this book for two years and hasn't stopped requesting it, even though we own many many quality books. Okay, maybe it helps that he is obsessed with cars, trucks, and

things that go to begin with. Well done, Richard Scarry!

I grew up on Richard Scarry books in the 70s, but somehow this one slipped by me.. Which was a shame. This book is incredible! First, there is an engaging little story of the Pig family's travels. There is also a police chase, and so many little sub-stories in the pictures that it's really interesting for young children. Goldbug is hiding on every bi-fold.. and kids love to find him.BUT..this IS a vehicle book, and if you or your child is a car/truck "nut" this book does not disappoint! There are many of the whimsical "scarry-mobiles" Mr. Scarry was famous for, but it gets even better than that. Car buffs will find cartoon depictions of many REAL vehicles. After just reading this to my son, I can remember a Citroen Mahari, a Bond Bug, two Steyr-Puch Haflingers, a Chrysler Farmobil, a Mercedes-Benz Unimog.. Mr. Scarry included real cars where he could, and you can tell he was a "car nut" himself based on the makes/models he used. Now, they are not "named" as such, as the brands are not important to children, but if you know your car "stuff," you will find very rare and obscure vehicles all over the book.Buy this book. It's like going to a car show!

A favorite of two of my boys (7 yr old still picks it up often). So I bought it as a gift for a 3 yr old friend. Hoping he'll love it just as much. Story follows the pig family on a trip to the beach. Along the way they pass many different vehicles from fire trucks to silly pickle and banana cars. LOTS to look at and lots of fun.

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