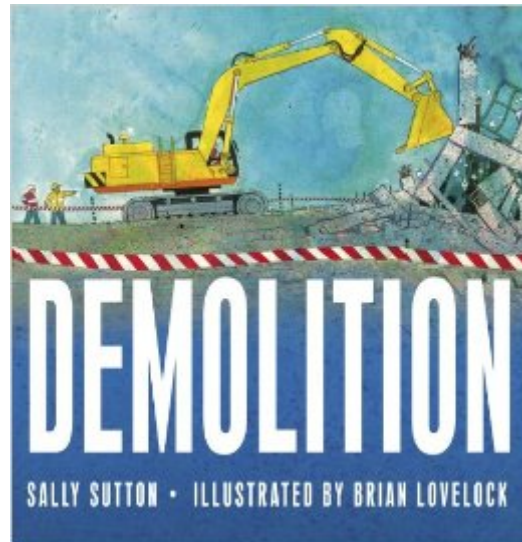


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# Demolition



## Synopsis

What's even more exciting to preschoolers than seeing big machines that build things? Watching the massive ones that tear them down! Crush the stone. Crush the stone. Chip and grind and munch. Make new concrete from the old. Whirr! Churr! Crunch! From the huge crane with a swinging ball (crack! ) to the toothy jaws that ram the walls (thwock! ), this rambunctious demolition, reverberating with sound words, is guaranteed to have small kids rapt. Bright spreads showcase the gargantuan machines in all their glory, and a pictorial glossary explains what each one can do.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

My 4-year-old son, who is into construction, loved this book and requested it every night while we had it borrowed from the library. He especially liked the last page where it describes all of the equipment shown in the book, but was a little confused that some of the equipment was different colors in the story vs on the last page. Written by a 4 year old: I liked it because it has a wood chipper with stuff coming out the top. I'm also talking about the cement crusher because it grinds up cement. Thank you library for letting us read it. The book is about demolition. Tell them that one of the diggers was red.

Demolition is an excellent read aloud, perfect for preschoolers and toddlers who are obsessed with

all things construction. The text is energetic and cram packed with lots of great sound effects such as "Thud! Creak! Wham!" or "Screech! Scrunch! Rip!" Each two page spread features a different step in the demolition process, from "Grab your Gear, Grab your Gear", to "Ram the walls, Ram the walls", to "Load the trucks, Load the trucks" as the debris is carried off. All of this slam, bam destruction ends on a positive note as a playground is built on the demolition site. One page of machine facts, describing the functions of each machine shown in the story, wraps everything up into a really nice package. In addition to all of those great sound words, each page rhymes seamlessly, creating a smooth read aloud flow. The illustrations are realistic and fairly detailed as far as the machines go. They are definitely the stars of this story! I liked how everything appears dusty, mottled and messy, just as you would imagine a real demolition site would be. Everything is still pretty colorful, sure to retain the interest of even the youngest story listener. This is an excellent choice for toddler or preschool story time or any young construction fan's personal collection.

My son loved their earlier book, *Road Work*, so we ordered this one for him for Christmas. He loves it just as much, and gets really excited about the playground they build after they demolish the building. I like that their books go through the process of building/demolishing step-by-step because it gives more information than just the basic "This is DIGGER. It DIGS." you get from most preschool construction-themed books.

We started with the *Roadwork* book, which has been in my son's library since he was a year old. For his third birthday, I added *Construction and Demolition* to our selection, and they've gone down a treat. If you have a kid who is interested in how things are made (or demolished) I highly recommend these books. They have deceptively simple artwork which manages to be surprisingly detailed. The swifty rhymes and sound-effects make for easy reading-aloud fare. We are definitely fans in this household.

My son loves *Roadwork*, so we thought this would be a hit, but it's not nearly as enjoyable. The illustrations are mostly much darker and more focused on the demolished buildings than on the trucks, which my son loves. I am less crazy about the random words that rhyme, since my son is now 2 and really is into understanding the rhyming poems of his truck books -- these are just random onomatopoeic words that don't have much meaning. And ultimately it's just more depressing to see a building destroyed, even though the book ends with the construction of a playground (which appears sort of randomly). I don't enjoy reading it very much and it's definitely

not one of my son's favorites compared to other truck books. That said, he still asks to read it every once in a while, and if you have unlimited money and a truck lover in the house, it's worth buying!

The worst thing I can say about this book is that it challenges my cynical little heart to read a story about tearing down a building to put up a park. Like that would happen. But since my two year old doesn't share my jaded outlook on economics and the book is filled with pictures of machinery he has no qualms about it. He sits on my lap as we read it and point to different big iron, often making me turn the pages back to get another look. This one is in regular rotation in our house and we'll buy whatever else Sutton puts out.

My grandson just loves these books! He has them read to him over and over again. I believe it is the sounds the reader makes, SLAM, BANG, CLANK . . . of course I'm making up the sounds as I don't have the book in front of me. But our little man is 1 1/2 years old and when you finish the book he makes the sign and says, "More!!!" :-) Too cute! How can one resist. Good thing the parents are stuck with it more than me! :-) Demolition has been a hit!

This was my grand daughter's favorite book from 3 to 4 1/2. Who would have guessed! Love it. She is now 5 1/2 and we still say some of the words (Clang, Crash, Bang, Wham, Creak, Rip, Roar, Crash, etc.. . . .) when we see a construction site.

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