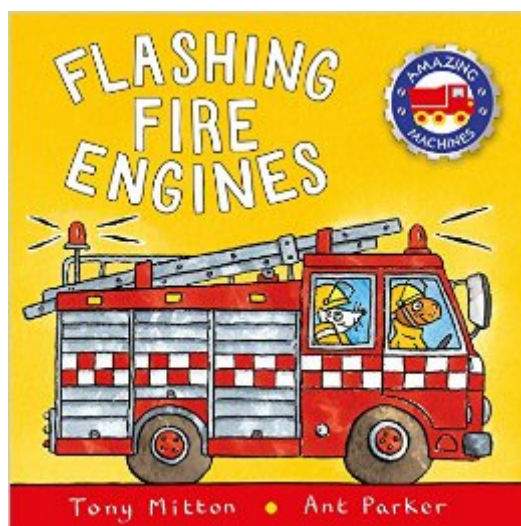


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# Flashing Fire Engines (Amazing Machines)



## Synopsis

Flashing Fire Engines (Amazing Machines) by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker "Big Bold fire engines, waiting day and night, Ready for a rescue or a blazing fire to fight. As soon as there's a fire alarm, the engines start to roar. The firefighters jump aboard...it rumbles out the door." Jump aboard a bright red fire engine with a trio of friendly animal firefighters as sirens wail, lights flash, fire hoses squirt, and fires blaze -- in this story that blends action and rhyme with all the details kids want to know about one of their favorite machines. The mix of visual entertainment and lively wordplay ensures that young children will delight in the reading experience, as will the adults fortunate enough to read aloud these irresistible rhymes!

## Book Information

Series: Amazing Machines

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Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.1 x 7.7 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (89 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

My 2 1/2 year old son loved the book from the minute I brought it home from the library. No matter which other books I take out to read, he asks for this one instead. What attracted me was the illustrations have a "Richard Scarry" feel to them. So they are three gentle looking animals that are firefighters and save a dog in a fire. It's a fairly quick read, good for those nights where everyone is a little more tired than usual, and it rhymes. I'm here buying a copy now since the library book has to be returned in another week and I know I'll get the request for it. At the end, it has the back page where they explain in more detail different things a fire fighter uses like helmet, air mask, etc.

My 3 year old daughter and I really enjoy this book and the others in this series. My daughter loves fire engines and this book is informative as well as fun. The story begins with the fire engines waiting at the fire house. The alarm bell sounds and the crew rushes off to fight a fire. As the story continues everything the fire crew does is explained in easy to understand terms. I really liked the explanation of how the water is pulled from the ground through the fire hydrant to fight the fire. After the resident of the house is rescued and the fire is extinguished, the crew goes back the fire house to clean up, take a break, and await the next fire. The illustrations in this book are just okay. The animals that make up the fire crew look a little strange to me but my daughter was able to identify what they were (bird, mouse, rabbit). The best part of this book is the informative rhymes that make up the story. Not too much information for a tired mom like me to read at night. My daughter and I really like the the last page of the book that lists pictures of fire engine parts and equipment and their names. Thanks to this book my daughter knows new words like water tank and pump and what they do. My daughter asks me to read this book often and it has become a favorite. If your child is really into fire engines and books about them check out the book Dot the Fire Dog. It's another one we really enjoy.

I'm certainly happy I bought Flashing Fire Engines for Devon when I bought Matchbox Real Action Red Fire Truck; it's the perfect accompaniment because it made him AND his mother happy. Mikki has a very distinctive reading voice that dramatically enhances any reading, but especially when a book is in verse for children...as this one is. The way she reads, I just know that Devon pictures himself jumping on a "real" firetruck and riding through the city with the firemen as the sound effects delight his senses. The award-winning children's poet Tony Mitton outdid himself with this book, describing noises and scenes that every kid is curious about: wailing sirens, flashing lights, squirting firehoses, blazing fires... A vivid aid to a kid's lively imagination. Mitton's choice of Ant Parker to illustrate this book was brilliant. They have worked together on several of Tony's books and proved to be a perfect match. What a team! What a book! As long as Devon is happy with my purchase, I am happy; his mom enjoying reading to him is an extra bonus. Recommended with two thumb up...and a big loopy grin! Reviewed by Betty Dravis, April 8, 2010 author of "Dream Reachers" (with Chase Von) and other books

My son (age 2) has loved this book and the whole series of books by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker. The books use a lot of alliteration and poetry, so even younger children who can't understand the

words like the rhythm of the words. The illustrations are pleasing and he gets a kick out of the fact that animals are driving. I don't agree with the reviewer who said they are only for under-three year olds; they actually give a lot of information and contain a glossary at the end. My son knows what a piston is that raises a dump truck, that a semi and tractor trailer are words for the same kind of truck, knows how tractors work, etc.. from reading this series to him (I even learned some things!).

Bought this for my 2 yr old .We both love reading it. Colorful pictures make it attractive for little readers. It would be a perfect book for kids who are jus beginning to read. At the end of the book is a pic of a fire engine with its parts labeled which i think is a useful addition

This is one of several in the series I purchased for my one and three year old grandsons. The narrative is in rhyme, not too wordy or too corny. The illustrations are cute and colorful. The paper stock is sturdy. I will purchase more!

I can't say how much my kid (who was 2.5 years when I initially bought them) loves this series of books. They rhyme, but not annoyingly, but also discuss what the object does. Ie, they are informative. We own five now and they are the favorite reads by far.

I purchased this book for the fire department I was with for use in the local schools that the firefighters visit regularly to teach fire, water and home safety. It is a great book for teaching young kids about safety. The kids enjoyed it and they retained a lot of the lessons.

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