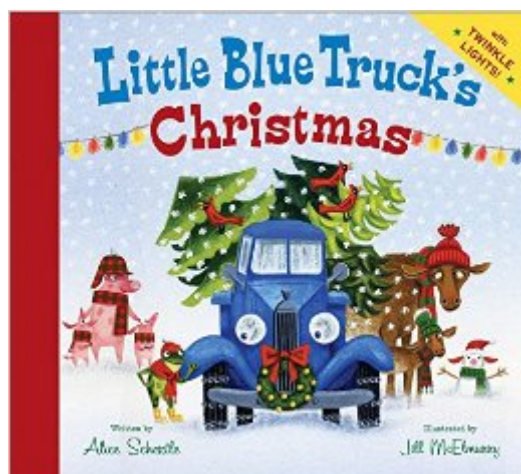


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# Little Blue Truck's Christmas



## Synopsis

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Little Blue Truck is spreading cheer by delivering Christmas trees to his animal friends. Can you help count each green tree from one to five and back again? Don't forget to save one for Blue! Beep! Beep! With the gentle rhythm and signature illustration style that made Little Blue Truck a household name, Blue's new adventure is full of holiday warmth. Sturdy cardstock pages, a compact and child-friendly text, and flashing colored Christmas lights on the final page come together in a novelty gift book that's sure to be the favorite treat of the season.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The Making of Little Blue Truck's Christmas Illustration Jill McElmurry gives us a behind-the-scenes look at the beginnings of our favorite truck's newest adventure

I scan my pencil sketches into Photoshop to play around with sizing and composition. When the sketch is done, I print it out and use tracing paper to transfer my sketch onto watercolor paper.

An early sketch for the Toad's Trees scene. Toad runs a Christmas tree lot. Toad and Blue are good friends.

Here's a finished piece of art that wasn't quite right. I did the same piece again

adding more frosted shrubs and a cardinal. I liked it much better. I use the computer and Photoshop a lot for the early stages of development, but, the final art is done with gouache on watercolor paper.

We love little blue truck and this christmas one is just great! Not sure if it's just a copy or a misprint in general but our book seems to be missing a page. It doesn't tell you what happens to tree #2. Still a great book tho.

Wow - we were waiting for this book to arrive and hoping it would be wonderful. (Well, I was waiting, our 17 month old was waiting but didn't know it -ha.) My husband was convinced the book was written by different authors when he first read it to our son. First, there were so many more rhymes and words in the first two books - everything flowed and especially in the first book, was so adorable. This was just a very abbreviated story. Second, the illustrations in the first two books were highly detailed (not so in this book). Third, it's true - the last page lights up, which is cute but the book is large (twice as big as the typical books) and so thick - just to have the "technology" on the last page to light it up. On the one hand, I would not recommend this book (and would say - save your money). On the other - if your LO's fell in love with Little Blue Truck, it'll be hard to resist not at least checking this out.

My son loves this addition to his Little Blue Truck collection. I'm a bit disappointed that the book is much larger than the others and the pages are thinner. I don't know how long it will hold up to a destructive little boy but for now he is enjoying it as much as all the other Little Blue Truck books.

The little boy I nanny loves little blue so I bought this as a Christmas gift. It came in perfect condition. I don't feel the story is as well written as the other but I'm sure he will love it. I also love that at the end the lights on the Christmas tree light up. Only thing I'm not loving is that the pages are not as thick and sturdy as the others.

We have Little Blue Truck and Little Blue Truck Leads the Way and love them. This book fell short of the expectations set by the other Little Blue Truck books. Sure it's cute and does some counting but the story is lacking compared to the other books. The lights at the end are nice, but I was really getting it because my son loves the stories in the other books so much and this story just isn't as exciting.

Our child is obsessed with the Little Blue Truck (at 2 1/2, has Little Blue Truck Leads the Way pretty much memorized, as do we). We got this as our Christmas Eve book to read and our child immediately recognized it and got excited. I agree with other reviewers, it is not the best of the series. The rhyming is a bit awkward; to make it flow while reading, one really has to emphasize the 'please' to rhyme with 'trees' and it's harder to do that when the numbers are bolded and in a different color. It just doesn't have the same readability of the other books. Despite my so-so feelings on the book, our child loves it, and that's the important part. The pages are a little flimsy (they don't seem to be glued together all that well), but it's better than paper pages. Our child was a little confused that there weren't more pages, given how thick the last page is with the lights, but quickly moved on, because, hey, it lights up! And, my favorite part, is that it doesn't make noise! He can look at the lights to his heart's content and I don't have to be bothered by some tiny electronic slaying of a great Christmas tune. Woohoo!

My son is a massive fan of the original Little Blue Truck book and it's by far his favorite book. A book I've read so often that I actually have the entire thing memorized. So without hesitation we ordered Little Blue Truck's Christmas. This book is sure to disappoint some folks. It's much shorter than both the original and LBT Leads the Way. Content wise Little Blue is simply picking up five Christmas trees and delivering them to four of his animal friends and keeping the last tree for himself. There's no overarching lesson at the end like in the previous two books. The big "wow" factor here is the last page which features a series of LEDs on a painted Christmas tree. The LEDs light up brightly and go through three sequences (each blinking) before shutting off. My son LOVES the LEDs on the tree. So for that reason alone I'm going to rate this book at four stars. Overall this entry in the Little Blue series is somewhat disappointing for my wife and I. But the fact that my son loves the book is good enough for us. Recommended.

I love all the Little Blue Truck books! Our favorite is the farm one but this one is perfect for the holidays! I think what I like about these books the most is that I actually enjoy reading them ha :) There are so many terrible baby/children's books! Also my son loves them, who is now 10 months but we have been reading him these books since about 4 months. You can always read these in a "tune" which makes it more fun. The pictures are well done and capture his attention to just look and listen. The construction of the board book is great and thicker than all the other board books we have. Definitely add these books to your collection!!!

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