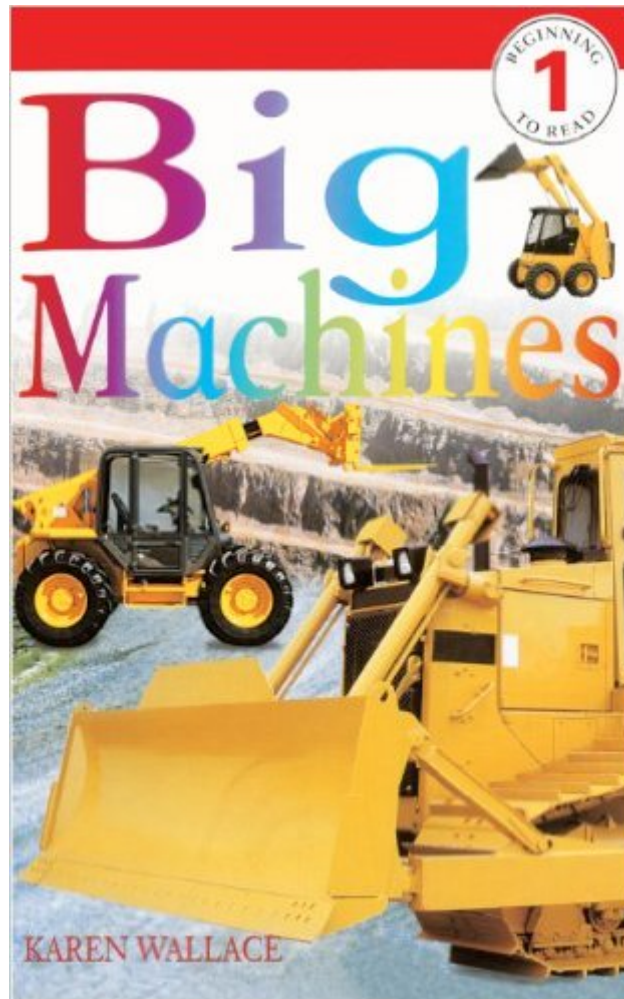


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# Big Machines (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition) (DK Readers: Level 1)



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. A new park is being built. See big machines in action and find out what they do.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 390 (What's this?)

Series: DK Readers: Level 1

School & Library Binding: 32 pages

Publisher: Turtleback; Turtleback School & Library ed. edition (March 1, 2000)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.4 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (29 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

Okay. My girlie-girl wasn't interested - at all (lol) -in this book. But I'm sure that plenty of other girls and boys would be. There are lots of bright photos of heavy equipment: crane, bulldozer, dump truck, excavator, tipper truck, concrete mixer truck, water tanker, roller, forklift, panel van, big truck.Plus there is something to learn. For example, I never knew that the big trucks that flattened asphalt (rollers) had their rollers filled with water.I particularly like that all of these machines are shown in the context of a project. In this case, an old factory is being torn down and replaced by a park (something I think will engage the interests of quite a few children.) Because of this format, children will see (if it's pointed out) that projects take shape in stages. First, for example, the old building needs to be torn down, the rubble taken away. Then paths need to be laid and a pond dug out. Once the pond is dug, it needs to be filled with water. Sod and flowers need to be brought in and planted... and on and on.Four Stars. [B-]. There is a concept here and not `just' heavy

equipment. The text is not for those seeking a first reader. While the vocabulary is not overly difficult, there are frequently more than two sentences per page. This might be good book for readers with a little experience under their belts. The text from page 18 follows so you to judge for yourself. The pond needs concrete to line its base. A concrete mixer brings concrete. It's drum goes around and around and concrete pours out of a special chute.

Big Machines is great for beginning readers who may still be struggling. It has machines, BIG machines which engross youngsters. It has repetitive text, which makes it easy to catch on. It even has a dictionary with the page number the word can be found on. The pictures keep the children interested, because he (or she) wants to read it.

We first found this book at the library. We read it so often that my 2.5 year old son can finish each sentence and page. Great book for reading to kids and teaching them basic construction vocabulary! The pictures are great and easy to use to engage the children in a beyond-the-book discussion.

A fun story to read to my early reader son, but despite the level 1 designation it's way beyond beginner reading skill. My son can read Stone Arch readers level 1 as well as Penguin Young Readers level 1 and sometimes 2 and this book is well beyond his ability. So, 5 stars for the interesting story about building a park, 4 stars for the actual writing of said story, and 3 stars for being a functional reader. In fact every DK Readers book I have seen is well beyond beginner reading level. A short story and simple sentence structure alone does not make for a level 1 reader.

An excellent choice if you are concerned that your novice reader is memorizing rather than learning to sound out words. The vocabulary is sufficiently non-routine for 5/6 year olds to require them to sound out the words. The text is long enough to merit going back to read several times to complete the story. It is challenging but truly helps Level 1 readers use their skills and is colorfully illustrated.

Bought for my 2.5 year old grandson. He truly enjoys this book and his Dad says he knows every machine by name. I have yet been able to sit down with him to read (we're on opposite coasts), but I know he's an avid reader and really likes his books!

DK always puts out a wonderful product. Easy to understand, and comprehend. Educational for the

beginning reader. Hard to find books for toddlers on construction vehicles, but I can always find what I'm looking for through !

Really original layout- my nephew loves the realistic pictures because he can readily match them with the machines he sees in real life. The story line is cute as all the machines help build a park, so it is more than just a picture book. Highly recommended.

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