How A House Is Built

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Synopsis
Describes how the surveyor, heavy machinery operators, carpenter crew, plumbers, and other workers build a house.

Book Information
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Customer Reviews
We bought this book because we wanted our children to know what to expect while we were building our first home. It was a great step by step guide of the building process with very colorful pictures. I would highly recommend it if you have young children!

This is a simple book, perhaps to simple for my 11 and 13 year old. However it’s also a one of a kind. We are building a house this year, our first and the boys really wanted to know what was going on without me turning it into another school lesson. This book does just that each frame (simular to comic book style but larger) is one process of the home as is goes up. It is to the point and doesn’t waste paper getting through the steps. Simple but effective. Any child wanting to understand "what’s next" but not wanting an engineering lesson would appreciate this book. I do think even a 4 year old, that has it read to them could understand it.
Very good explanation and extremely detailed drawings of a construction project and the intricacies of building, each page featuring a close up of a portion of the project and work vehicles. It is similar to a Where’s Waldo format from years ago (I am the Grammy now) and our 2.5 year old grandson enjoys showing me a "funny part" like a banana peel dropped in the road, a worker tripping over paint bucket, or one who is dangling precariously while working. Adaptable to reading for a young boy who loves all things construction as well as a 6 year old who grasps advanced concepts.

This is a great book! On the way to school, we’ve been driving past a construction site for a new housing plan. I knew some of the process and truck names, but I was unsure myself, so I bought this to help my child understand the process. I took it to her school and now it’s a class favorite! They try to identify what stage of the process each of the new houses are in, and we’re hoping to take a little field trip once the model is open to the public. The book keeps things very general, not a ton of words, but the visuals help. Highly recommend!

Great level of detail for a construction-loving 5 year old. Some of it is over his head still, but he follows along really well for the most part. We have a 7 home construction project to watch up the street, so this is great context and interesting/relevant.

I would recommend this for the 8 and under crowd. An 8 year old may find the style a bit simple but the words and definitions of the workers involved will be enough to suit their fancy. The 5/6 and under crowd will probably need a little help with the longer job titles and whatnot. However, I can really see this book as being an excellent resource for a family to read together with the smaller kiddos if they are building or renovating a house. Also, the budding builders will find this a lot of fun too and I’m sure there will be a segment of children that reread this one over and over again. Pretty cool and highly recommended!JTG

Since my daughter started to ask "why" and "how" so much more these days, I have found myself in what I consider the difficult position of reducing my wordiness in order to give explanations. I read to my daughter every day and have started to include some non-fiction to address this. This book and others by the author are a great solution for connecting with young readers and those not reading yet. Gail Gibbons provides a succinct step-by-step discussion of the process of house building without oversimplified or complicated information. Her other books are just as concise and inviting. I find so many other non-fiction children’s books too wordy and too confusing to follow. Such books
detract from their original purpose, and my daughter is easily distracted. However, she chooses Gibbon's books over and over and gets excited about being able to explain the process back to me in her own way— that's the ultimate test. This book definitely passes!

My preschool class loved this book! Gail Gibbons is a great author who always integrates factual information with attention grabbing illustrations. This was another good book for vocabulary building, that discussed the process behind building a house.

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