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A simple story of five different trucks, their drivers, and their purpose, is told in a series of spreads. Full-color illustrations.

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From Reader Review Five Trucks for online ebook

Mister David says

This is a very simple book with large font and it would be great for toddler or baby story time.

Shanna Gonzalez says

Brian Floca brings a new view of the workings of an airport by focusing on five trucks that play a role in preparing a passenger plane for takeoff. The catering truck, tractor with baggage carts, baggage conveyor, tractor, and push-out tractor are introduced first by the kind of movement they perform, then given their names and depicted carrying out their job.

The illustrations are really the appeal of this book. Floca's drawings are characterized by simple lines, but they have more detail than Byron Barton's and show a little more movement. The realistic touches show an observant artist's eye: the crushed package marked "fragile," the workers' Dunkin' Donuts wrappers and cups, an envelope trapped under the wheel of the mail truck, the keys jingling in the caterer's hand -- these all contribute to a feeling of actually being behind the scenes at the airport.

The text is spare, with a rhythm and symmetry that will appeal to a preverbal audience while providing information for older listeners. The only thing that could have made the book better would have been if the names of the vehicles were incorporated in the main text, rather than appearing as labels in smaller text at the bottom of the page (stopping to read the labels interrupts the flow of the book). Still, this is a good choice for prereaders and younger readers.

Israel Waltz says

Grade: K

genre: contemporary realistic fiction

This book is definitely for beginning readers. it uses simplistic words and repetition which should help kids learn how to read. though it is a very simplistic book it still provides interesting information about the five trucks that get a plane ready for its departure. because there are so few word the illustrations ar key to helping a student understand how the truck performs the function that the words tell is it can do. because it is somewhat interesting I recommend this book but mostly only to people that are at the beginning reader level.

Encian Pastel says

Finally, women driving trucks! (I mean finally in a children's picture book. In real life they've been there a long time.)

David says

Five Trucks by Brian Floca looks at five trucks whose drivers are first introduced, then each truck and its function is described. Readers soon realize that all are used at an airport, working to get passenger airplanes ready for takeoff.

Readers and listeners get more details about the workings of an airport as the five trucks and their drivers do their jobs. The five trucks are the push out tractor, the tractor for the mechanic, the baggage conveyor, the baggage cart tractor, and the catering truck. The text features a large, bold font, repetition, and about 70 words, making it a strong choice for beginning and transitional readers.

The illustrations, drawn with an ink line & painted with watercolors, are large, detailed, and perfect for this airport story. Movement is well conveyed. Humorous details include Dunkin' Donuts trash in the push out tractor, a crushed box marked "Fragile" on the conveyor belt, and an envelope under a wheel of a mail cart. Nice details of the wheel assembly are shown, and the luggage of the little boy's father is seen being loaded into the cargo area of the plane.

I really enjoyed this book and it would work well as a read-aloud for toddlers or preschoolers. It would be a great choice for an airport or transportation themed storytime. Recommended for purchase.

For ages 2 to 6, transportation, trucks, workers, airplanes, airport themes, and fans of Brian Floca.

Jennifer says

Short book on transportation; good for storytime crowd.

Nicole Marzan says

Five Trucks by Brian Floca is a very simple story about five different trucks and the different purposes they serve. The story also shows the different drivers of the trucks. All these trucks work together at an airport and are responsible for an airplane. Without the work of these trucks, the airplane would not have a successful takeoff.

The book does a good job at showing the different types of trucks at the airport and the tasks that they do in order for a plane to be able to takeoff. The illustrations are fairly basic and simple, but this makes it easier to differentiate between the different trucks and the different drivers. At the bottom of each page when a new truck is introduced, the name of the trucks is stated. This will help young kids learn more about the different kinds of trucks. Overall, I liked this book and I think that it would be good for younger students who have an interest in automobiles.

Robin says

A sure fire hit for transportation/truck enthusiasts (you know who they are!)

Five trucks at an airport . . . make it possible for one airplane to take off.

Text counts up to five, describing each truck, then counts backward. As it counts down, a small label at the bottom of the page notes what kind of truck it is, which is great for children who love to name things.

Text is short enough and pictures large enough to make it great for preschool storytime sharing.

(originally published in 1999)

Lisa says

I was surprised by the direction of this book, which I thought would be truck-centric - and it was - but it's set at an airport! My toddler is pretty into this book, which he can look at and enjoy independently, and I can see that it would be of interest for any traveling toddler. I definitely learned names of all those trucks (tractors!) at the airport!

Sue Mosher says

This is a cool book with very simple text that introduces children to trucks that are used at an airport. (I learned something new, too.)

Erin Buhr says

FIVE TRUCKS is the story of the trucks that prepare the airplane for take off. It describes how they pack on the luggage, load the food, check the wheels, and move the airplane into position. We are huge Brian Floca fans. Locomotive and Lightship are two of our all time favorite books. Floca is a master at taking beloved transportation themes and finding unique approaches for presenting them. His brief text and beautiful illustrations make these the perfect reads for young children. They entice the reading with intriguing information that leaves you wanted to learn more about the topic. This book reminds me of waiting for an airplane at the gate with my nose pressed up against the glass in the best possible way.

Karin says

Simple story that highlights 5 different vehicles used at airports.

Alexander Goos says

Five trucks by Brian Floca is a simple children's book discussing various trucks involved at an airport. At first glance because the title is not shown on my copy of the book, The cover is of a plane so one would think

that this is a story about planes but in reality it is a story about trucks. But it is all about trucks and what they look like, how they work and what they do!

I liked it because this story showed the different tasks that each truck does and various characteristics about them. This can be useful in trying to explain to younger students how to use descriptive words and phrases.

I believe this story has a very unique art style where is it there's only a handful of colors that are used and I think that makes for a very call me sensation for the reader because it's not so intensely illustrated that a person who might be reading this to a child as a bedtime story could be made more alert because of it.

As I mentioned earlier I think that this is a very good book to use when teaching children how to use descriptive words. Which will be useful in the vocabulary development of young students.

Milton Moon Louie says

What are these five trucks helping?

Cassie says

This is a great book when discussing trucks and different types. May be better to just have in the classroom as a book the students can read on there own. I wouldn't read this to the class as a whole.
