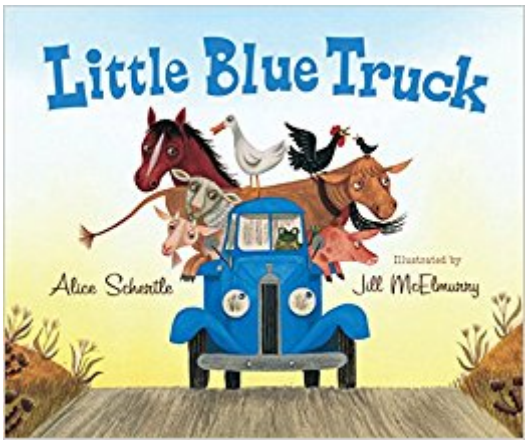
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Synopsis

Beep! Beep! Beep! Meet Blue. A muddy country road is no match for this little pick up--that is, until he gets stuck while pushing a dump truck out of the muck. Luckily, Blue has made a pack of farm animal friends along his route. And they’re willing to whatever it takes to get their pal back on the road. Filled with truck sounds and animals noises, here is a rollicking homage to the power of friendship and the rewards of helping others.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

PreSÃ¢â ¬â •Folksy rhyming stanzas introduce readers to Blue, the eponymous pickup truck, and the barnyard critters he greets as he navigates the country roads near his farmhouse. The first half of the book is an enchanting, toddler-entrancing symphony of animal noises and beeps. The cheerful text mimics the bouncing of the truck, and the warm folk-art illustrations call to mind the paintings of Grandma Moses. Then it begins to rain, and a mean, self-important dump truck enters the story. When the Dump gets mired in the mud and honks for help, he gets no response: "nobody heard/(or nobody cared)." Then Blue drives into the puddle to assist, but also gets stuck. When Blue cries for help, the animals rush to the rescue. From this, the dump truck learns that "a lot

depends/on a helping hand/from a few good friends." While the message might be a little heavy-handed, this is still a fun, rollicking story that should find a place in most collections.Ã¢â ¬â •Rachael Vilmar, Eastern Shore Regional Library, Salisbury, MD Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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I just love stories that are cute, rhyme well and offer a good message. This one is so perfect for my little boy. (I think I might love it more though!) it is about a blue truck that sees farm animals along the way, then a dump truck comes around and is rude to him, but gets stuck in the mud. So he and the farm animals help him out of the mud and the dump truck apologizes for being rude. It's a fun book and I highly recommend it for all!!!!

This book is one of my son's favorites and one I love to read to him. Here is why:-The pictures are captivating-The story is fun, rhymes and has a lesson on kindness-Helps children to identify animals and their noises-Helps children to count to 3I didn't know any of this going into the story. I just thought it looked cute and heard from friends about how good the book was. My son has learned so much from this book, that I once considered "just a book".

I bought this book as a gift because my children loved it so much. Books like this are the types of books that get your kids talking and finishing the sentences in the book. It's an adorable story of friendship. A little blue truck whose friendly "beep, beep, beep" has the whole town of animals saying hello back. When the big important, with no time for pleasantries, truck gets stuck...Little

Blue’s friends come to the rescue.

I can’t even explain how awesome this book is. Not only does it teach a good lesson to your child, it is tremendously fun to read. The challenge is to read it without singing it. With no music (obviously) and no song to model after, I can guarantee that you will be singing to the exact rhythm that is supposed to be used!In not the only one in love with this book though. My 14 month old son is a huge fan! I have been reading this book to him regularly since he was about 4 or 5 months old. I expect to continue reading it for at least another 2-3 years! The only things that might get in the way of that are the many sequels for this book.This is am absolute must have for a child’s book collection! You will get at least 4 or 5 years out of this one book!

If you do a lot of reading to your kids, you’ll quickly learn that there are a lot of "poem" books, and they can be nice since they’re more fun to read out loud than prose, but plenty are atrocious because the authors somehow didn’t know that poetry requires meter to work as well as rhyme (to say nothing about the tons of poem books out there with horrible approximate rhymes).That in mind, "Little Blue Truck" is an absolute pleasure to read because its rhymes work and most of all because its meter is flawless; it almost begs to be sung it flows so well.The content is simple and uncontroversial, though I would mildly object to the implication that someone with "big important things to do" is wrong for not taking the time to chit-chat with everyone.

This has been my son’s favorite book since the day he was born, literally he lights up every single time I bring this book out he never gets tired of it. The animals, the illustration, the premise behind the story is wonderful. That little blue truck is so adorable. I have purchased all of the other holiday and little blue truck in the city books and we love every single one of them.

I kept seeing this book in stores but didn’t know anything about it until I did a little searching on . I ordered it for my 2 1/2 year old twins and I’m so happy to get this for them because they love it! This book has nice, thick board book pages which should withstand the toddler years. The story is wonderful too and is written in a rhyming, singsong way. The truck’s name is Blue and he meets his barnyard friends as he is driving down the road. The story tells what sound each animal makes and, most of all, teaches the importance of friendship. I love the illustrations and my twins love to point out the different animals on the pages. I think this book would be great in all households and I highly recommend it!

This is easily my favorite modern children’s book. The writing is so catchy, you’ll never truly get it out of your head after a few reads. And the illustrations are great. My son used the Little Blue Truck series to perfect his animal noises over the past several months. My mom bought him the first copy and we’ve since purchased all the other titles in the series. This copy is for my cousin, who is having her first baby. I can’t wait to share the "Beep, Beep!" love. Little Blue Truck is a can’t-miss!

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