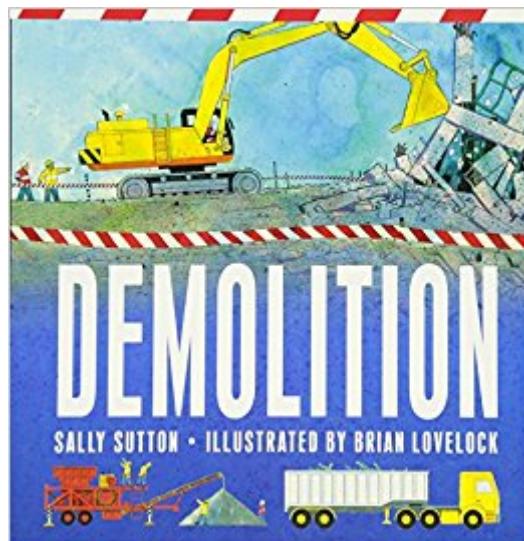


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# Demolition



## Synopsis

What's even more exciting to preschoolers than seeing big machines that build things? Watching the massive ones that tear them down! Crush the stone. Crush the stone. Chip and grind and munch. Make new concrete from the old. Whirr! Churr! Crunch! From the huge crane with a swinging ball (crack! ) to the toothy jaws that ram the walls (thwock! ), this rambunctious demolition, reverberating with sound words, is guaranteed to have small kids rapt. Bright spreads showcase the gargantuan machines in all their glory, and a pictorial glossary explains what each one can do.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Sutton's rhythmic text, full of onomatopoeia and muscular action words, captures the excitement and energy of big trucks hard at work and powerful machinery bashing concrete and metal. Lovelock's meticulous illustrations, rendered in pigmented ink, give the job site a suitably dusty patina and put the equipment and vehicles center stage, where young fans will want them...This is all about as good as it gets for truck-obsessed preschoolers. •The Horn Book (starred review)The text is rife with onomatopoeic phrases and action verbs, making it great for reading aloud and building vocabulary. Lovelock's pigmented ink illustrations capture details about the machines from treads to gears in a style that is graphic and yet painterly. The geometric nature of the construction equipment offers another avenue for engaging

children with the book. •School Library Journal (starred review)Smashing good fun for preschoolers of both genders. •Kirkus Reviews

Sally Sutton is a playwright and the author of *Roadwork*, also illustrated by Brian Lovelock, along with other picture books. Sally Sutton lives in New Zealand. Brian Lovelock illustrated *Roadwork* by Sally Sutton as well as *The Rain Train* by Elena de Roo and *Did My Mother Do That?* by Sharon Holt. A geophysicist and fine artist, Brian Lovelock lives in New Zealand.

We started with the *Roadwork* book, which has been in my son's library since he was a year old. For his third birthday, I added *Construction* and *Demolition* to our selection, and they've gone down a treat. If you have a kid who is interested in how things are made (or demolished) I highly recommend these books. They have deceptively simple artwork which manages to be surprisingly detailed. The swingy rhymes and sound-effects make for easy reading-aloud fare. We are definitely fans in this household.

My grandson just loves these books! He has them read to him over and over again. I believe it is the sounds the reader makes, SLAM, BANG, CLANK . . . of course I'm making up the sounds as I don't have the book in front of me. But our little man is 1 1/2 years old and when you finish the book he makes the sign and says, "More!!!" :-) Too cute! How can one resist. Good thing the parents are stuck with it more than me! :-) *Demolition* has been a hit!

The worst thing I can say about this book is that it challenges my cynical little heart to read a story about tearing down a building to put up a park. Like that would happen. But since my two year old doesn't share my jaded outlook on economics and the book is filled with pictures of machinery he has no qualms about it. He sits on my lap as we read it and point to different big iron, often making me turn the pages back to get another look. This one is in regular rotation in our house and we'll buy whatever else Sutton puts out.

Let's face it, some kids books can put you to sleep before you finish them. This book is such fun to read! Well written, keeps the attention of both our 3 and 6 year old. We also own *Construction* and *Road Work* by the same author. Excellent!

This is a cute story - great for kids who love construction and its nice that it sends the message of

how recycling is used in construction as well.

My son loved their earlier book. Road Work, so we ordered this one for him for Christmas. He loves it just as much, and gets really excited about the playground they build after they demolish the building. I like that their books go through the process of building/demolishing step-by-step because it gives more information than just the basic "This is DIGGER. It DIGS." you get from most preschool construction-themed books.

Added to my collection of construction books for the grands

We had originally bought "Roadwork" by the same author and my 2 year old son LOVED it and we read it over and over. Both books have the same cadence and rhythm throughout and great illustrations, however "Demolition" didn't have the same clear cut story of building a road. It's more tearing down the building and then the last few pages it's all of a sudden a park. Not a bad idea for the story but not as clearly laid out as the first we purchased. It's still a regularly read book in our house but Roadwork is still the favorite and read at least 3-5 times a day.

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