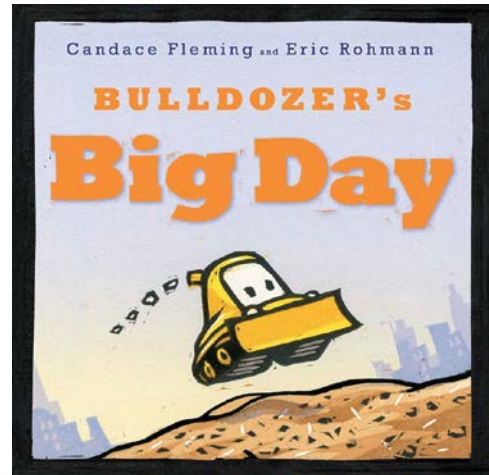


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***Bulldozer's Big Day*, written by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann. Atheneum, 2015**

When Bulldozer wakes up on the morning of his birthday, he asks each of the other construction vehicles if this is a special day. Not particularly, each of them answers. It isn't until the end of the book and the unveiling of a splendid, creative birthday cake, that Bulldozer understands his friends weren't forgetting him ... they were planning a surprise party!



This month we're working with a delightful early childhood book filled with construction vehicles, hurt feelings, suspense, and a birthday surprise party. All of these ingredients add up to a great book to use in a classroom or library storytime setting.

We're providing this list of books and accompaniments to inspire you to do a little digging of your own!

COMPLEMENTARY BOOKS, WEBSITES, and VIDEOS

Building Projects

Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson and Daniel Kirk, Songbird Publishing, . Filled with inspiration, this book will inspire children to create their own building block structures. Illustrator Kirk has interpreted Robert Louis Stevenson's poem for a new audience. Ages 3 to 6.

Building Our House by Jonathan Bean. When Mom and Dad decide to sell their house in town and build a house in the country, they involve the entire family in their hands-on project. Told from a young girl's point of view, this is wonderful book about process and results. Ages 3 to 6.

Dreaming Up: a Celebration of Building. Christy Hale, Lee & Low Books, 1996. A collection of illustrations, concrete poetry, and photographs that shows how young children's constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world. Ages 3 to 6.

Good Night, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Chronicle Books, 2012. Intended as a bedtime story, this book is filled with Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck and settles them down to rest so they can work on their construction project another day. Ages 3 to 6.

If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen, Dial Books, 2012. Jack wants to build a fantastical house, inventing big ideas and imagining construction projects to meet those dreams. This book will have your children making their own construction plans!

Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts, Harry N. Abrams, 2007. Iggy Peck has a passion for building. He's so fervent about it that he will use anything that comes to hand: fruit, dirty diapers, and whatever comes to hand when his class is marooned on an island. Bright, funny, and energetic, it's a rhyming book that will spark creativity. Ages 4 to 8.

Jack's House by Karen Magnuson Beil, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka. Holiday House, 2008. Max the dog takes over to build the house when Jack is distracted elsewhere. Filled with trucks and streamrollers and construction vehicles galore, this is a great book about building a house. Ages 3 to 6.

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton. Houghton Mifflin, 1939. Mike and his trusty steam shovel, Mary Anne, dig canals for boats to travel along, deep cellars for skyscrapers, but inevitably progress takes place and new technology replaces Mary Anne. Mike has faith in his steam shovel and the two prove that they still have the ability to perform. It's a book about friendship and belief in one's self. Every child should know this book. Ages 3 to 6.

Rosie Revere, Engineer, by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts. Harry N. Abrams, 2013. A companion but stand-alone book for *Iggy Peck, Architect*, young Rosie is perplexed when her Great-Great Aunt Rosie comes to visit. Turns out her Great-Great, who may or may not have been the model for Rosie the Riveter, misses being an airplane mechanic, a job she did in World War II. As an engineer, Rosie meets with failures but she persists until she succeeds. Ages 4 to 8.

This is the House That Jack Built. Simms Taback. Putnam, 2002. A true "what if ... then" story in which Mr. Taback fills his house with international cheeses which, of course, attract a rat which naturally attracts a cat. You know the story, but it's never been told quite like this. Ages 3 to 6.

Construction Equipment

20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street by Mark Lee, illustrated by Kurt Cyrus. Candlewick Press, 2013. What happens when a truck breaks down and the other trucks

pile up behind it? Why, a counting book, of course! And if one of them is an ice cream truck!?! Ages 3 to 8.

Construction Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta, illustrated by Rob Bolster. Charlesbridge, 2006. Upper and lower case alphabet letters are paired with short sentences about the various construction equipment, run from “A is for Aerial Lifts” to “Z is for Zipper” (the machine that cuts asphalt). The realistic paintings in this book set it aside from many others for this age group. Ages 3 to 8.

Digger Dozer Dumper by Hope Vestergaard, illustrated by David Slonim. Candlewick Press, 2013. A book of poetry with 16 short construction vehicle-based poems. A good way to introduce poetry to the little ones.

Road Work by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelace. Candlewick Press, 2008. “Move the earth. Move the earth. Dig and cut and push. Clear a pathway for the road. Screech! Boom! Whoosh!” Big construction vehicles are the main characters in this vibrant, addicting book. Construction details a-plenty, action verbs, easy-to-read-out-loud onomatopoeia. This is a terrific book for ages 2 to 4. (Also read this team’s *Construction and Demolition*.)

Video: On PBS, Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, a video of construction vehicles working.
http://pbskids.org/rogers/video_construction.html

Video: How a Bulldozer Works, Twenty Trucks Videos:
<http://someinterestingfacts.net/how-do-bulldozers-work/>

Website: An explanation of how bulldozers work ... and interesting facts about them.
<http://someinterestingfacts.net/how-do-bulldozers-work/>

Birthday Parties

How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Birthday? by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mark Teague. How does one behave at a birthday party?

Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party by Melanie Watt. Scaredy Squirrel is a loner. He’s not fond of parties. He likes to stay home and celebrate quietly. However, his friends have other ideas. How does Scaredy Squirrel deal with it? Does he play along or play dead?

Xander’s Panda Party by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Matt Phelan. Clarion Books, 2013. When Xander wants to invite the zoo’s other bears to his birthday party, he soon discovers that Koala is a marsupial, but he wants to invite him. Then it occurs to him that he’d like to invite other animals and soon the guest list is no longer exclusive. A good companion book to *Bulldozer’s Big Day* for storytime and just right for children who love animals. Ages 3 to 6.

Dirt, Soil, Earth

Dirt: The Scoop on Soil by Natalie M. Rosinsky, illustrated by Sheree Boyd. Picture Window Books, 2002. This book introduces the early childhood reader to components of soil, including humus, clay, silt, sand, and rocks and pebbles. Ages 3 to 6.

Jump Into Science: Dirt by Steve “The Dirtmeister” Tomecek, illustrated by Nancy Woodman. National Geographic Children’s Books, 2007. Written by a geologist, this book is for the youngest readers whose curiosity wants to know the differences between soil and dirt, what lives there, and what dirt does. Ages 3 to 8.

Loneliness

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. When new girl Maya comes to school, Chloe and her friends won’t play with her. Eventually, Maya stops coming to school and Chloe is left to ponder opportunities lost. Jane Addams Award Book. Ages 4 to 8.

Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Patrice Barton. Knopf, 2013. Nobody pays attention to Brian, which makes him feel invisible. Yet, when a new boy arrives at school, it is Brian who welcomes Justin. The two of them work on a class project together and Brian, who has been rendered by Barton in grays and browns, fills up with color, noticeable within his world. A lovely book about loneliness. Ages 3 to 8.

Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Scholastic, 1996. In this beautiful re-telling of Andersen’s classic story, Pinkney uses a palette of soft and bright colors with incredibly detailed artwork to remind us why the youngest, the least, and the ignored sometimes turn into the most beautiful and the most revered. 1996 Caldecott Honor book.

Surprises

Handa’s Surprise by Eileen Browne. Candlewick Press, 1999. When Handa walks a distance to visit her friend, she puts a basket of fruit on her head. She doesn’t realize, but the reader does, that small animals and birds are taking pieces of fruit from her basket. When she arrives at her friend’s house, there’s nothing left! This book is set in Kenya and has wonderful illustrations.

I Will Surprise My Friend by Mo Willems. Gerald (Elephant) and Piggie are best friends. They decide that planning to surprise each other would be a lot of fun – but it doesn’t turn out the way they expected.

Waiting by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow, 2015. Five toys sit on a windowsill, each of them waiting for something. It’s a quiet book of feelings, showing what waiting can be like ... and showing that it can be quite satisfying.

Friendship

We recommend any of Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad books and James Marshall's George and Martha books for one-on-one reading or to engender discussion.

Adventures of Beekle, the Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat. Little, Brown, 2014. Born on the land of imaginary friends, our little main character waits to be chosen and given a name. When that doesn't happen, he does the unthinkable and sets out to find his own true friend who will give him his name. 2015 Caldecott Medal.

Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow, 1997. When Lilly moves into best friends Chester and Wilson's neighborhood, they're uncertain about the way she does things. It's so different from the way they do things. But Lilly is clever and saves the day, which helps the boys see her in a different, more positive light.

Name Jar by Yangsook Choi. Knopf, 2001. This is for a slightly older reader but a good read-aloud. When Unhei moves from Korea to America, she is worried about the kids making fun of her name. On the first day of school she tells the other students they should put names in a jar and she will pick one. The other students are respectful of her name, causing Unhei to rethink her strategy.

Sick Day for Amos McGee, by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Erin E. Stead. Roaring Brook Press, 2010. Amos, a friendly elephant, travels to the zoo each day to keep his friends company. When he's too sick to go to them, they come to his house instead. 2011 Caldecott Medal.

Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor? This rhyming text is all about kindness and friendship. Ages 3 to 6.

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Candlewick Press, 2007. Jeremy desperately wants new shoes like all the other kids have but his grandmother tells him that "want" is different than "need." After trying many strategies to get what he wants, he discovers that other things might be more important.

On the Author's Website, Downloadable Book Extension

Birthday Event Kit: <http://bit.ly/1MEUFFH>

Bulldozer's Big Day: an Original Song (music, lyrics, MP3s): <http://bit.ly/1Ks95FQ>

Bulldozer's Big Day: Library Storytime STEAM Kit (PDF and Patterns):
<http://bit.ly/1Ks95FQ>

Bulldozer's Big Day: Social-Emotional Learning Guide (PDF): <http://bit.ly/1EyktXS>