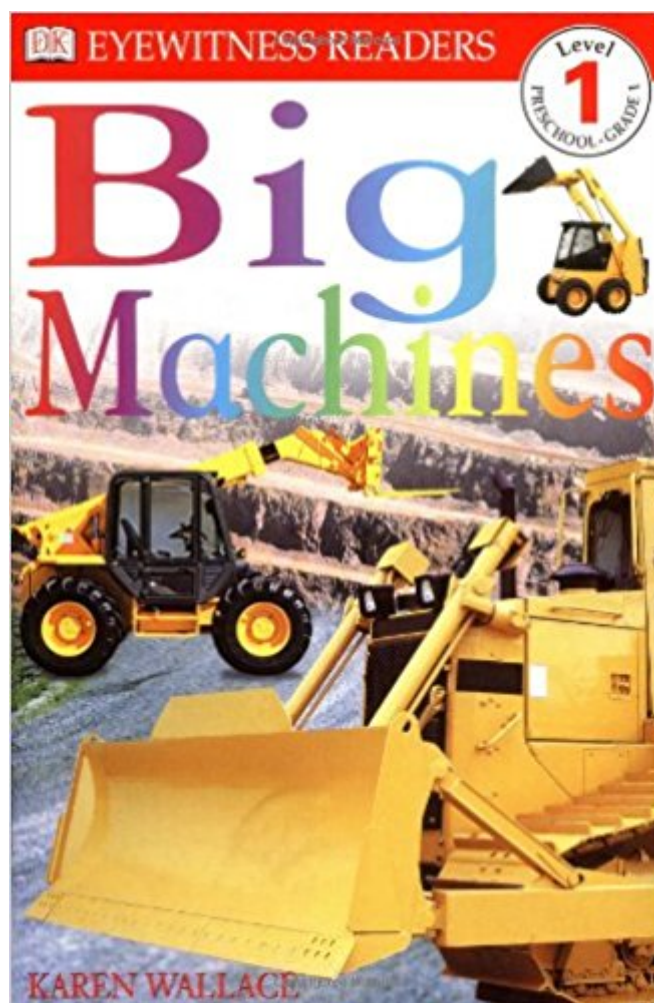


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# DK Readers: Big Machines (Level 1: Beginning To Read)



## Synopsis

Big Machines by Karen Wallace shows diggers, dump trucks, and other machines as they transform an old factory site into a park for the community.

## Book Information

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Series: DK Readers

Paperback: 32 pages

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

"Smash! Crash! Scrape! Scrunch!... BIG machines do BIG jobs." Whether they're knocking down an old factory or building a new park with a pond, there's a big machine for every job. Cranes, bulldozers, excavators, and concrete mixers are put to the test, knocking down walls, scooping up rubble, and digging holes. Eye-catching photographs and illustrations and simple, repetitive text in large type make the absorbing world of heavy machinery a perfect choice for the beginning reader. Dorling Kindersley's four-level learning-to-read series offers age-appropriate stories for all the early reader levels, preschool through grade 4. Children develop their reading skills while increasing their general knowledge. This Level 1 book includes picture dictionary boxes depicting such terms as "rubble," "wheel," and "chute," with a reference to the page number where the word first appears. (Ages 4 to 7) --Emilie Coulter

Kindergarten-Grade 2-This title presents photographs of some of the real trucks and tractors employed in constructing a city park, which is disappointingly shown only as a busy cartoon drawing at the end. Through sharp, full-color pictures, readers are introduced to a crane outfitted with wrecking ball, a bulldozer, a front loader, a dump truck, an excavator, and other heavy machinery used in tearing down old buildings and in laying the foundation for new construction. Smaller photographs highlight part of each vehicle-the tailgate on a tipper truck, the chute on the concrete mixer, and so on-although the inserts are a bit confusing since they show clean showroom trucks that are quite different from the dirty machines actually doing the work. Although billed at the easiest reading level ("Beginning to Read-Preschool to Grade 1"), this picture book definitely requires listening from its audience up through first grade. Still, the vivid photographs will certainly grab young engineers' attention. John Sigwald, Unger Memorial Library, Plainview, TX Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A fun story to read to my early reader son, but despite the level 1 designation it's way beyond beginner reading skill. My son can read Stone Arch readers level 1 as well as Penguin Young Readers level 1 and sometimes 2 and this book is well beyond his ability. So, 5 stars for the interesting story about building a park, 4 stars for the actual writing of said story, and 3 stars for being a functional reader. In fact every DK Readers book I have seen is well beyond beginner reading level. A short story and simple sentence structure alone does not make for a level 1 reader.

An excellent choice if you are concerned that your novice reader is memorizing rather than learning to sound out words. The vocabulary is sufficiently non-routine for 5/6 year olds to require them to sound out the words. The text is long enough to merit going back to read several times to complete the story. It is challenging but truly helps Level 1 readers use their skills and is colorfully illustrated.

My grandson loves it !

My son loves me to read that book every night. He is obsessed with construction trucks and this book is all about them,.

Bought for my 2.5 year old grandson. He truly enjoys this book and his Dad says he knows every machine by name. I have yet been able to sit down with him to read (we're on opposite coasts), but I know he's an avid reader and really likes his books!

The Big Machines is a great book. My 3 year old is obsessed with construction trucks and loves to read this book. We have read this book over 50 times and it never gets old.

Just right for 2 1/2-yr-old grandson who loves "yellow diggers."

DK always puts out a wonderful product. Easy to understand, and comprehend. Educational for the beginning reader. Hard to find books for toddlers on construction vehicles, but I can always find what I'm looking for through !

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