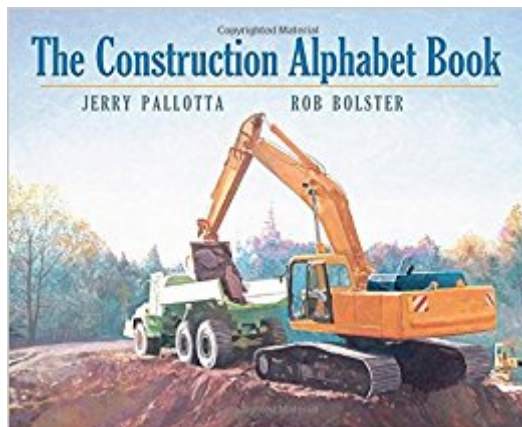


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# The Construction Alphabet Book



## Synopsis

Smash! Crash! Ka-boom! A is for Aerial lift. B is for Backhoe. C is for Cement Mixer. Readers explore construction equipment in this noisy alphabet book. Jerry Pallotta's trademark humor punctuates the informative text. Vibrant oil paintings bring to life a busy construction site.

## Book Information

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Paperback: 32 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 *—* Jerry Pallotta follows the alphabetical formula used in many of his other titles, this time with Bolster's illustrations to showcase different types of construction equipment. Upper- and lowercase letters are paired with brief descriptive paragraphs that explain how pieces of construction equipment *—* from an aerial lift to a zipper *—* are used. Some of the machines are used in demolition, some for roads; others to clear land or erect buildings. Treatment is brief. A backhoe, cement mixer, dump truck, jackhammer, and wrecking ball will be more familiar to children than a horizontal borer, knuckleboom loader, mobile rock crusher, quad-axle lowbed, and vactor. The realistic paintings, rich in tones of blue, brown, red, green, and orange, will attract youngsters. Libraries with a high demand for construction-related books should consider adding this appealing title. *—* Lynn K. Vanca, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Richfield, OH  
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PreS-Gr. 2. This alphabet book spotlights large-scale construction equipment, from "A is for Aerial Lifts" to "Z is for Zipper . . . used to slice asphalt." With three pages left after Z, the book playfully starts over with "A is for Asphalt Reclaimer" through "C is for Compactor" and suggests that children finish the next 23 letters themselves. Pallotta provides more information than most picture books about the topic for this age group, with a typical entry including three or four sentences with an occasional suggestion of the sound a vehicle or tool makes: "crunch, crunch, crunch . . . eng, eng, eng." Sometimes a bit of facetious humor ("Do not use a road cutter to cut your toenails") lightens the tone of the text. The handsome illustrations, which have the look of acrylic paintings, are well composed and precisely delineated. Suitable for primary-graders as well as for preschoolers who have the patience to look carefully for a minute or two before turning the page. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

We recently bought this for a 3 year old 's birthday. He is obsessed with trucks. It's a great book for the variety of trucks they include. He currently asks for it to be read multiple times a day. I love that it keeps him entertained at this age with the pictures, but he will learn a lot for years to come with all the detailed information. I'd recommend it for ages 3 on up.

I bought these for my two grandsons for Christmas. This is a beautiful, well-done, engaging book! I wish I had had it for my sons so we could correctly name the various pieces of machinery that we saw around. "Real" books--about real life rather than some Disney cartoon--are a bit hard to find. And just try finding one that isn't dorky or girly about horses! --And that has correct information. I really don't know enough about this subject matter to know for sure that it is all completely on target, but it seems to be written by someone who actually knows. I'm really tired of books that teach children that baby horses are ponies or that horses are for girls. This book would be well enjoyed by either boys OR girls that wanted to know about all these things! YAY!!! Just a fine book. Three of my children do not have children of their own yet--but when they do, a copy of this book will be in each house! Jerry Pallotta--I'm looking for more of your books! Ooh, and I didn't check the illustrator's name--but it's a name I will look for as well.

If you have a little boy who is obsessed with vehicles and wheels and cars and sounds.... you

MUST get this book. My son memorized the pages way before he could form sentences properly. I learned a lot too. We can point to construction sites and name the heavy trucks. It's impressive!

I love this book! Not just an alphabet book, but also a learning experience. Pictures are very realistic & the accompanying narratives are informative & fun. This makes the book good for non-readers & readers; and allows beginners to "grow into" the book as their reading skills progress. I purchased 2 copies for Christmas giving - one for Grandad to give 4 y.o. Grandson & (Shh- its a surprise!) one for Grandson to give Grandad. I think they'll both be very pleased.

OMG, this book is absolutely wonderful! My 4 year old grandson just loves it. He insists on it being read to him EVERY night before he goes to bed!

Wonderful book! Love the illustrations (paintings) and the writing and descriptions were spot on. Little ones love looking at all the big equipment and older ones (including me) learn many facts in a fun way. Will recommend to others :)

My little grandson loves construction vehicles! This was a great little book to add to his collection. I apparently didn't pay close attention though, and thought it was a hardback book. It is not, so it will not hold up as long.

This isn't my favorite construction book, but my two-year-old loves it. It is my own fault for not noticing the book format before ordering, but I can't believe a book for this age level is paperback. I doubt it will last for long!

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