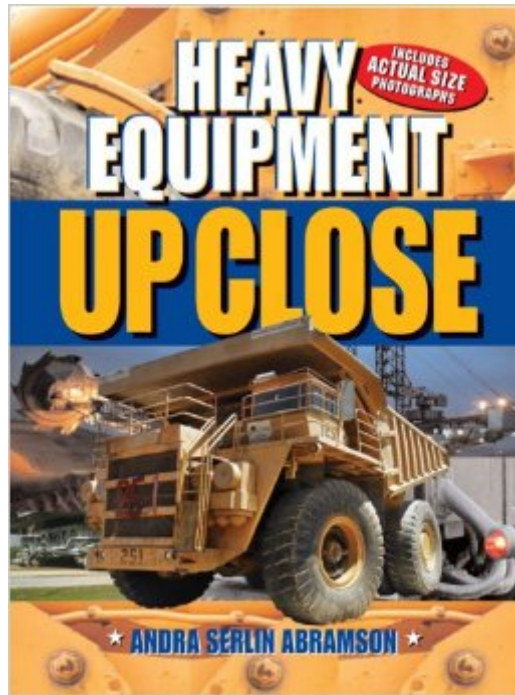


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# Heavy Equipment: Up Close



## Synopsis

From building skyscrapers to loading freight trains, from tearing down old houses to mining fuel, heavy equipment is everywhere! Children will enjoy taking a close-up look at these important machines, including terrific tractors, bucket wheel excavators, and even a super space shuttle crawler—the largest self-powered tracked vehicle in the world. Great-looking and large shots showcase extra-big tires, a tractor's advanced hydraulic system, a control stick for steering, a bulldozer blade, and the long, wide tracks of a crawler crane. And kids will really dig into fascinating facts and information on heavy machine achievements such as building the Chunnel, the longest tunnel on earth.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Are you just wild about heavy equipment and are interested in finding out more about it? If so, you have definitely come to the right place. Of course most of the heavy equipment is BIG and so is this book. Many children can spout out the names of heavy equipment as easily as they can say tyrannosaurus rex and probably know more about them than you do. According to this book there are "more than 25 different types of heavy equipment." Some types are not as familiar to most of us, but almost all of us are familiar with the dump truck. Even this vehicle comes in many different styles. Did you know that there is a "dump truck [that] can dump its load to the side of the truck?" Just to give you an idea of what is in this book you'll be looking at dump trucks, bucket wheel

excavators, the Space Shuttle crawler-transporter, mining machines (draglines), tunnel-boring machines, forestry equipment, drilling machines (offshore oil), harvesting machinery, paving equipment, bulldozers, recycling equipment, and cranes. Some of the extra facts in this book will amaze the reader so be on the lookout for little sidebars and make sure you read the captions under the pictures. Did you know that some of the "largest pavers can be as big as 150 feet across?" This is a book that will WOW both young and old alike. The text will grab even the most reluctant reader and if you hand this one over to the emergent reader you'd better be prepared to hang over his or her shoulder and read, read, read. The photographs are very appealing and many open up into three and four page spreads. There are some actual size photographs of things like gears, nuts and bolts. My only suggestion would be that you purchase some clear tape along with this book because the pages are going to be turned time and time again!

Got this for my grandson, age 4, that is impressed with big equipment and he has thoroughly enjoyed the book. It was a great book for him.

My granddaughter really likes this book and has checked it out of the school library many times. It's started to look rather beat up. So I ordered a new one and donated it to the school. They were thrilled.

Our 4-year-old grandsons LOVES anything related to construction. He is versed in articulated equipment and hydraulic pistons, so he was thrilled with this book.

My husband got this for our boys and all of them (and him) enjoy flipping through it. Very fun for those who love big diggers!

I purchased this book for my nephew for Christmas. It's fantastic! He notified me that he wants to be a heavy equipment operator when he grows up. 4 Stars because a couple of the images are pixelated, not horribly but I'm a photographer and have certain expectations. Overall wonderful book.

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