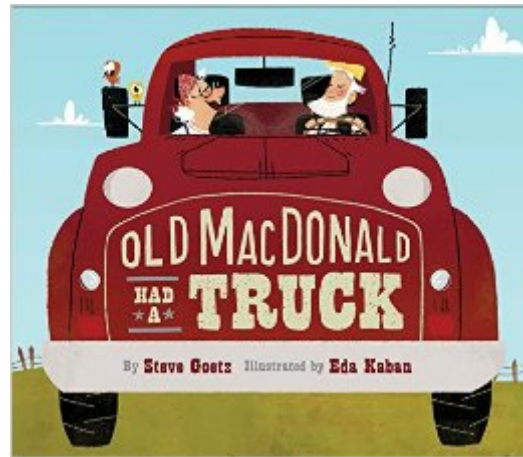


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# Old MacDonald Had A Truck



## Synopsis

Old MacDonald had a farm E-I-E-I-O. And on that farm he had a...TRUCK?! With a DIG DIG here and a SCOOP SCOOP there, this classic folk song just got revved up! Beloved machinesâ "the excavator, dump truck, bulldozer, and moreâ "will have the vehicle-obsessed of all ages reading and singing along.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Our son is obsessed with this book! It has so many wonderful illustrations and such a fun story for any kiddo who loves construction equipment and big trucks. Perfect gift!

My kids love this book! They are 4 and 7 - I was surprised that the 7 year old liked it so much since it is way below his reading level. They love how the "o" of e-i-e-i-o changes with each vehicle. I'm going to be ordering one to donate to my younger one's preschool class and will purchasing a few more as gifts!

My son loves monster trucks and construction equipment he is four years old. He was immediately surprised and amazed as I started reading it and he realized the types of things that this old McDonald had on his farm versus what they always hear. We notice new surprises each time we read the book. Excellent book with beautiful illustrations.

I got this for my 2-year-old who is obsessed with trucks, but I enjoy reading it almost as much as he does. The illustrations are just fabulous - sophisticated and fun, with lots of detail to look at. Updating the classic "Old MacDonald" with trucks, construction equipment, and farming machinery instead of cows, chickens, and pigs is genius and really appeals to a little kid who loves anything with wheels. I "sing" the words to him, which is extra fun. And all the farm animals are still represented, helping out Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald as they work around the farm to prepare for a special event. The ending has a cute twist.

Just like the original story, except THIS OLD MacDonald has lots of trucks! This is a fun story that kids will enjoy hearing. What kind of truck comes next? Will it be a STEAMROLLER? How about a CEMENT MIXER? Or maybe a Dump Truck? Lots of beautiful silly, illustrations as all the barnyard animals get in the act--helping old MacDonald run the trucks. My favorite illustration is of the sheep running the GRADER. The PIGS were also very helpful in handling automotive equipment, such as wrenches and socket sets. All in all, a fun story for mechanical-minded kids. They are sure to laugh many times, watching the silly antics of that crazy ole MacDonald.

"Old MacDonald Had a Truck" is all about putting a new twist on the beloved, playing with expectations to step things up a notch. If you or your kid likes music, construction, wordplay, animals, or gender equality, you simply must check it out. The book answers a perennial problem: how do you interest young kids in the written word? I've always loved the idea of library and bookstore storytimes. In my imagination, I sit in a comfy spot not too far from the front, the spellbound child on my lap melting into me. In reality, my toddlers always preferred to roam around the room, their perpetual search for choking hazards and social interaction set aside only for the songs. Some books like Chris Van Dusen's "If I Built a Car" scratch the melodic itch through rhythm and rhyme (e.g., "Jack, from the backseat, said to his Dad, This car is OK. This car is not bad."). Others include music in the narrative. "Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons" rocks. So does "Old MacDonald Had a Truck." This fabulous picture book had my kids rapt, alternately giggling and howling out lines like: Old MacDonald had a MOTOR GRADER-I-E-I-HOE With a SCRAPE RAKE here and a RAKE SCRAPE there here a SCRAPE, there a RAKE everywhere a SCRAPE RAKE. In "Dinosaur Dig"-esque fashion, it's unclear what Old MacDonald and his farm full of animals are up to with the pieces of machinery revealed in each verse. Then comes the big reveal: they're building a monster truck racing course

complete with grandstands and floodlights! The colorful, appealingly drawn background scenes provide loads of detail and silliness to engage discussion. There's a pig in a hardhat looking mildly startled by a front loader run amok. A cow sits politely eating a sandwich. This stuff just kills with the under-8 set. The illustrations also subtly challenge gender norms, showing Old MacDonald's similarly weathered female companion working as an auto mechanic throughout and driving the truck in the final pages as he rides in the passenger seat. Children receive exactly what they're looking for from "Old MacDonald Had a Truck": enough familiarity to be comforting, but the novelty, complexity, and whimsy needed to enthrall. Take my 22-month-old's advice and read Old Don Tuk, read Old Don Tuk! This review originally appeared at: [...]

I am an old farm girl and I especially like Old MacDonald. This particular version is really a neat one. Our little boy likes to hear about and see the various equipment that Mr. MacDonald has. We have enjoyed sharing this book which was sent to us at no cost for our review. As a retired elementary school librarian, I would definitely recommend this book for a school or public library. I can visualize a whole lot of little children enjoying this book. The illustrations are great as is the story. It definitely rates five stars.

Four year old likes it, but as a mom who enjoys reading more in depth or sweet or classic stories aloud (the Classic Pooh stories, Little Blue Truck, things like that) not my favorite. I was hoping the story would be about a farmer and the work he and his truck do on the farm, but the red truck on the cover isn't really the focus of the story. The book ends with the red truck flying off a ramp on the farmer's racetrack that I think was supposed to have been built by the other construction trucks throughout the story- but my son didn't catch that and it really seems more like a random racetrack at the end of the book. Overall, a twist on the classic Old MacDonald song that any truck loving kid will think is fun and silly, just not my personal favorite to read aloud.

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