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Toddlers are continuously fascinated by the automobile. From the sound of the engine to the proper care and keep of a car. This spectacular machine loses its mystique as we grow older, but Byron Barton's vibrant picture book just may rekindle your -- and your child's -- love of the auto.

Using a very bold color palette with smooth lines and short text, *My Car* introduces young readers to Sam. Sam loves his car and proceeds to show how to take care of it, from changing the oil to getting gas. Sam also explains that cars have lights to see at night. Of course, he always follows traffic laws. In one happily busy scene, Barton shows Sam in his compact red car sitting in heavy traffic. And what does Sam do for a living? Drive a bus, of course!

This wonderfully vivacious picture book offers youngsters a look at ownership, responsibility, and possibility -- and the whole while, they are having fun! From Sam's easy demeanor and dialogue to the colorful illustrations, Barton confirms that the car is a wondrous thing.

My Car Details

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A.C. Paige says

To use for transportation/vehicles theme storytime

Katie Bruff says

A boy named Sam had a car in which he loved and takes great care of it. It has pictures of him washing it and keeping it clean inside and out. Also, it shows all of the features the car has; the body of the car, the engine, the steering wheel, the frame, and the wheels. When Sam works, he doesn't take his own car, he drives his bus. He was a school bus driver and the book showed all of the students getting dropped off at school.

David says

My Car by Byron Barton is a simple story about a man, Sam, and his car, including care and upkeep. This includes getting gas, changing the oil, using the wipers and headlights at night, and obeying traffic laws. And he drives a bus as his job!

The text is simple, with a few exceptions, like pedestrians, steering, and gasoline. It shows some basic parts of the car: body, wheels, frame, engine and steering wheel. A number of signs are shown. The font is large and could be used by some beginning or transistional readers or to learn sight words. A lot of boys will really like this.

The illustrations use bright colors. It can be used one on one, but is big enough to use in a baby or toddler time, though a few pages might need to be skipped to keep it short enough for practical use. It could be used along with the book The Wheels on the Bus and song.

For ages 1 to 6, cars, transportation, babies-toddlers, and fans of Byron Barton.

Heather Jo says

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Bethel says

It isn't often that a board book has a plot twist and this one does - I love that. This is a very clever concept and a book that children will want to read again and again.

Shaunterria says

An excellent addition to the bilingual genre, *My Car/Mi carro* is an impressively simple English/Spanish picture book about cars. The story explores what cars need, illustrates the different parts of an automobile, and describes how responsible car owners take care of their vehicles. The graphics are bright, colorful, multicultural, and eye-catching, and this book is sure to be read repeatedly by young car fanatics. This is a strongly recommended addition to children's library collections.

Chrispychipz says

Major plot twist at the end I did not see that coming!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vicki says

Short, clear sentences and text make this a great book to share with toddlers. Bright colorful illustrations grab the young listeners attention.

Mely says

Such an adorable little book. Bright & simple illustrations. Clear text. My little one loves this and we read it over and over again.

Alison says

Too simple with repetitive sentence structure. Children can take in more complex writing. And, I don't like that the character is said to love his car. Please.

Aneesa says

Twist ending! Also after telling me all day not to sing her books to her, my daughter requested this as her lullaby.

Kimberly says

I cannot even count how many times my husband and I read this book out loud while we had it checked out from the library. It must be near 100. My son loved--LOVED--this book. Why? I don't really know. I think the illustrations are kinda creepy, and the text is nothing exciting, but he asked for this one over...and

over...and over. So, Mr. Barton, you are obviously doing something right.

I used the regular sized picture book for three storytimes on 5/5/17, to tepid response. Maybe my kid just has weird taste.

Kelley says

Bright pictures and one sentence per page make this seem like a great beginning reader book. However, some of the vocabulary (ex: pedestrians, windshield) is really challenging for a kindergartner or first grader.

Melissa says

Benji loves cars these days, so of course when this was spotted at the local library we had to read it to him! I loved the simple pages with the big, boldly colored illustrations, and Benji loved the car on every page. And no one saw that twist ending coming! ;-)

Annisia says

Copyright: 2001

Number of Pages: unnumbered

Book Format: hardcover

Reading Level: grades K-2, GR level: D

Genre: Fiction

Lit Requirement: baby book

Summary:

This book begins with the main character, named Sam. Sam shows the readers his car, along with various parts of the car and other things to do with a car, like an oil change. Sam follows the signs and drives safely. The end of the book Sam shows the readers what he does after he drives his car to work. Read to find out!

Review:

This book is great for babies. It has lots of colorful and simple pictures which is good at capturing their attention. Each page has little words which is perfect for babies as well. I recommend this book for any child who is around cars a lot or who likes cars, as it will teach them even more than they already know about cars.
