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Bring in the big rigs! Shiny, huge, heavy machinery rolls onto the job site. At the command of the Boss, the work beings, Digging, lifting, carrying, dumping, moving, and shaping are important tasks to accomplish. In this exciting follow-up to the critically acclaimed Drive, Nathan Clement once again pairs his striking illustrations with spare, succinct prose, offering construction buffs a close-up view of the action and anticipation at the job site.

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Jamie (The Perpetual Page-Turner) says

The boy I nanny: "I like all the equipment. The boss seems mean!" Hahah

Sarah Sammis says

Since August of 2010 we've been watching and listening to the nearby elementary school being rebuilt from the ground up. First came the demolition crew. Then came the diggers and the cement trucks. Now they are framing the buildings and it's really starting to take a recognizable shape.

With all this on going construction, my children have gotten interested in reading books on the subject. A new one published last year is Job Site by Nathan Clement.

The book follows the process of a the foreman (or as he's known the book, "Boss") calling the shots as different machines and workers help to build a park. Clement's detailed and brightly colored (usually with a gradient applied) illustrations catch the eye and show the beauty of these huge machines.

Unfortunately there isn't much in the way of plot or explanation. The plot is just the Boss telling everyone what to do and the park being built page by page. There's little explanation of the hard work that goes into the steps or the many other people who make up a construction site team.

Jason says

The clearly computer-drawn illustrations were too-fake looking. The people were rendered especially unpleasantly. No disrespect to the creator, just my taste.

David says

Job Site by Nathan Clement should please young boys who can't get enough of construction equipment in action.

The text follows the Boss, who instructs the crew what to do on the job site. Clement is succinct, with equipment being named and action described. The equipment involved includes a bulldozer, excavator, loader, dump truck, compactor, cement mixer and crane.

Clement's illustrations begin as pencil drawings before they are computer rendered into striking images. The illustrations steal the show here. A variety of perspectives are used to good effect.

The story is the weaker part of this offering, but the images will please young construction buffs. Showing a black foreman in charge of a white crew is a nice tip of the construction hat to workplace diversity. The

ending showing the Boss and his family visiting the completed park is a great touch.

For ages 2 to 5, construction, big machines, transportation, and fans of Nathan Clement.

Heather Jo says

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Jennifer Heise says

A simple text in which all the major construction equipment in turn is ordered to do something, and does it, under the direction of "Boss."

Boss says, "Dig a hole!"

And the excavator tips its bucket and starts to dig.

The simple two-part repetition would be good for the 2.5-3 year old construction fan. The simple clear, realistic, brightly colored computer-rendered illustrations will also work with a younger age group, though my five year old likes the book too. I think younger readers might actually like to browse the book on their own.

(At the end of the book, it appears that the construction was all to build a particular park, though I admit I puzzle over two people sunbathing on a slab that appears to be part of the fountain...)

As a parent, though, what appealed to me very much is what makes this unique among the truck/construction books I've looked at: "Boss" is black. Construction workers of African descent are amazingly rare in picture books. His crew is of a variety of skin tones, when those skins are to be seen, so this isn't some special crew. I like showing that to my kid.

Donna Mork says

Boss gives commands and different construction vehicles do the work. In the end, job done, a nice park is made, and they move on to the next job site.

Miss Kelly says

My son will read any book about anything with wheels (100 times over), but couldn't stay focused on this one.

Trish says

This book is about machines used on a job site.

Kelly says

Very simple, but descriptive all the same. Nice.

Cricket Muse says

What kid can resist the thunderous roar of big machinery at work? Nathan Clement provides a big, splashy graphic layout that matches the big action of a bulldozer, excavator, loader and other machinery found at a job site. When the boss says “Level that pile!” we can envision the rumble and scraping as the bulldozer’s blade smoothes out the pile of gravel. At each pointed directive of the boss, a machine meets the demand and so goes this story of getting the construction job done.

Job Site is almost like being there. The bright computer-rendered illustrations practically leap off the page in their brilliance. The understated text of only a simply words per page spotlights the action of the featured machine. Young readers will be able to follow for themselves the story of big machinery at work. The final page provides the completed project, allowing children to better understand how it all came to be making this a fun addition to other books on the subject of construction sites and large machines.

Courtney says

This is a good informational book.

Melissa says

OK illustrations, basic construction equipment descriptions in the text. Nice touch to have the boss be African-American and the crew be white. My favorite detail is at the end: The boss brings his family to the park and playground that he and his crew created.

Brittany Stone says

Clement, N. (2011). Job site. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press.

PreK

Big and shiny equipment are ready for the job! Digging, lifting, carrying, dumping, moving, and shaping are very important to getting a job finished. This book is an exciting book for the boss. He directs the equipment

on what they need to do and the equipment gets the job done. What is the job they just accomplished? You'll have to read to find out!

This book would be a great book to read right before center time. An activity I would do with this book is set up a center for center time that has to do with all of these machines. Instead of gravel I would probably have the students work with sand. You could have one student be the boss and have the boss tell the students and their equipment when to do their duties. You could then have them rotate so every student has the opportunity to be the boss and play with every piece of equipment. hands on learning activity to see what the equipment can do.

Brittany says

If your kid is into construction they'll like this but otherwise the "story" probably won't captivate them. That being said, we've read this a billion times.
