

Books to Check Out—Transportation and Vehicles, fiction & non-fiction

General

Cycles

Boats

Trains

Planes

Rockets

Cars, Buses, Trucks

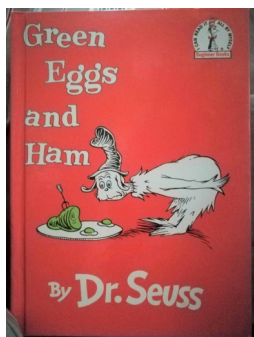
Big Machines



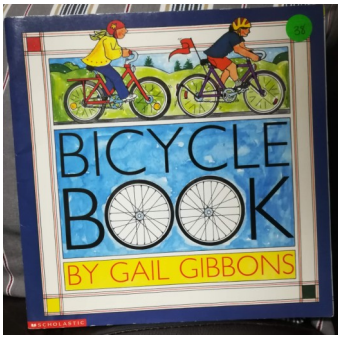
Maisy Drives various vehicles. Board Book, very simple text.



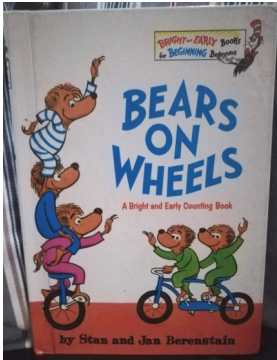
Before you go, and along the way . . . It's good to know, and learn what signs say ... often a precursor to reading a book is learning to recognize everyday signs and symbols. Kids quickly learn what the Golden Arches stand for . . .



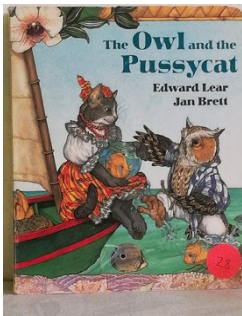
Although it's about trying new foods, there are some fun vehicles in this book.



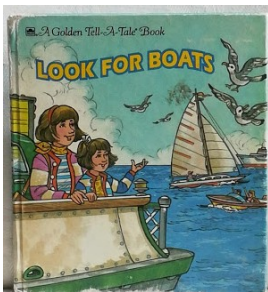
Gail Gibbons always does a good job writing for children.



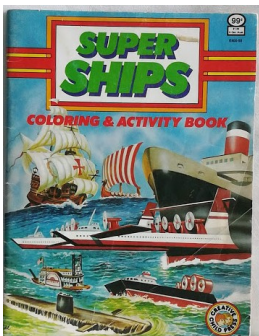
Counting bears and wheels, including acrobatics and accidents. Simple text, pictures carry the entertaining story along.



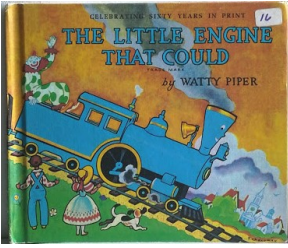
Board Book—Jan Brett beautifully illustrates the poem by Edward Lear. The owl and the pussycat go out to sea in a boat, have a love adventure, and marry.



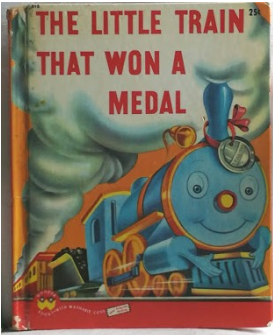
Katy and her mother board a ferry and see all kinds of other boats as they cross the water. Read aloud adventure.



Traces the history of traveling by water from logs to luxury. Read aloud and color. One sentence per page, includes a few activity pages.



1990 edition celebrating 60 years in print. Who will help get the toys and goodies to the kids on the other side of the mountain? The proud shiny new passenger engine? The self important big strong freight engine? The tired old rusty engine? We all remember the little engine chugging up the hill, "I think I can—I think I can—I think I can ..." And she did it. DRA reading level 16, 2nd grade.



Read aloud. Copyright 1947. Little steam engine saves the day for a modern streamliner. No matter how insignificant, we can all be heroes.



Various train books—my favorites: Freight Train by Don Crews, Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown, and Trains by Gail Gibbons. National Geographic Kids would be a good non-fiction title. I'm not a fan of Thomas the Train, though some titles are better than others. But lots of kids and their adults get a lot of them.



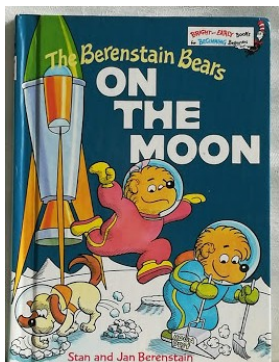
Various books about planes and other vehicles on the shelves of the store at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum near Portland, Oregon (an amazing place to go!)



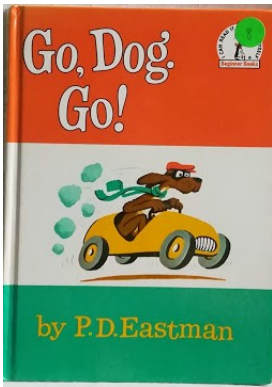
Various books about planes, space, and other related titles on the shelves of the store at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum near Portland, Oregon (an amazing place to go!)



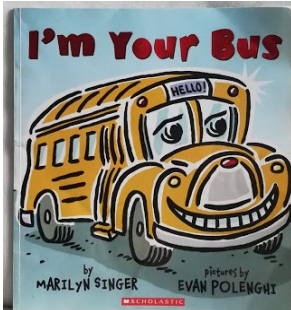
Not sure if this is classed as fiction or non-fiction. A very realistic experience of flying in a (prop) plane told in very spare text. Simple appealing illustrations. Donald Crews also authored and illustrated Freight Train, and Truck.



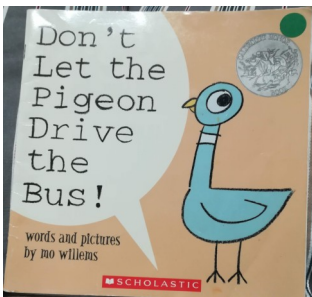
Simple rhyming text of an adventure to the moon, more imaginative than real, but could be a springboard to more understanding.



Dogs going in all sorts of vehicles—eventually get to a big party. Along the way, the secondary plot, “Do you like my hat?” Simple vocabulary reinforced, including opposites, position, and colors.



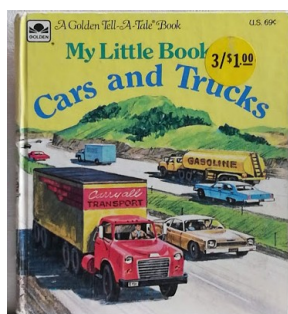
Fairly simple rhyming text. Illustrations aren't appealing to me, but everyone has preferences.



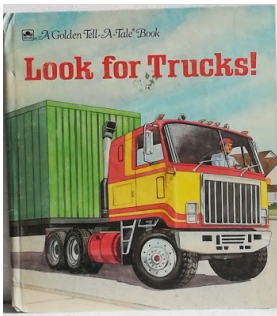
An entertaining little story—easy read . . .



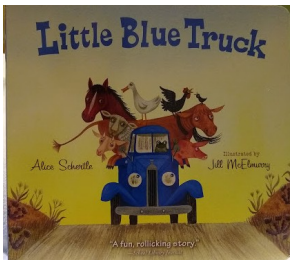
Board Book—photos illustrating opposites against basic colors with subtle patterns. 2-3 words per page.



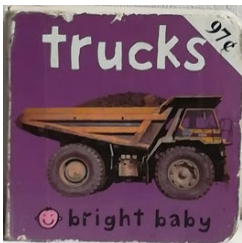
Nice variety of vehicles that do all kinds of jobs, with simple rhyming text with a lot of repetition.



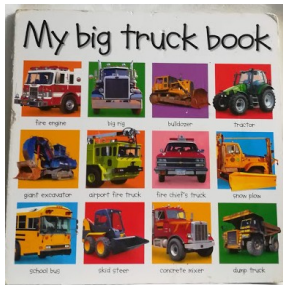
On the way to a new home, Dad suggests Charlie watch for different kinds of trucks to allay some of his anxiety. Lots of different kinds of vehicles, including Charlie's new red bike.



Board Book—simple rhyming text, with lots of animal sounds as Little Blue Truck exchanges friendly greetings with the animals he passes on a country road. Big dump truck scorns to interact, but finds himself stuck in the mud. No one cares, but Little Blue Truck tries to help, and the animals come to help their friend. Team-work, kindness; set in the fall, includes rain. Another: Little Blue Truck Leads the Way (city setting).



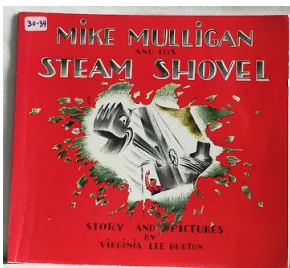
Chubby little board book with photos of 7 big vehicles labeled.



More than 9x larger than the above, this large board book has a double spread of construction trucks (equipment), farm trucks (equipment), busy town trucks (including a van and school bus), emergency trucks, and big trucks. All labeled. A question on each page to encourage more careful observation.



Discusses the work that various big machines do. Read aloud, until about 2nd-3rd grade. Fairly realistic looking illustrations.



Classic story from 1939. Read aloud or retell with the pictures. Technology was causing obsolescence. But a happy solution makes a happy ending. Problem solving, work ethic, etc.