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Axel the Truck: Rocky Road

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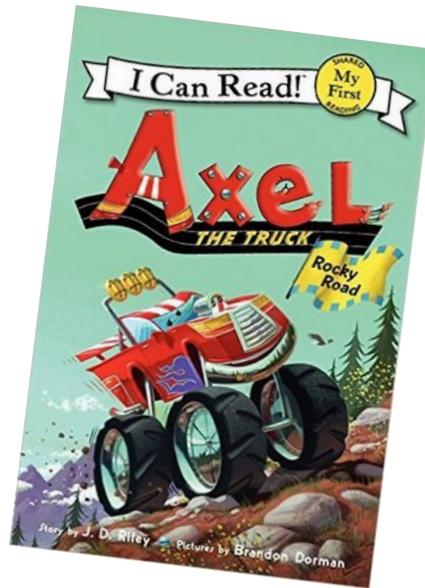
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Book Review

Title: Axel the Truck: Rocky Road
Author: J.D. Riley
Illustrator: Brandon Dorman
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers
Publication Year: 2011
ISBN: 9780062222329
Number of Pages: 26
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Axel is a monster truck who leaves the smooth roads in the city to conquer the rough terrain of the rocky, muddy mountains. He has lots of fun and makes lots of cool noises as he does! Axel catches a falling rock and brings it to the dump, makes a pit stop, and races back to town. He may be small compared to other trucks like dump trucks, but he is mighty!

Axel the Truck: Rocky Road will attract beginning readers, especially boys. This book is perfect for parents to read to emergent readers. Onomatopoeia, repetition, and rhyme are used to make this book exciting for young readers. The colorful, detailed illustrations will keep readers engaged. At the end of the book, readers will find a few pages with diagrams showing all the parts of a monster truck and all the tools used to fix one. With this book, little ones will quickly become monster truck experts!