Axel the Truck: Rocky Road

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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

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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!