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Troto and the Trucks

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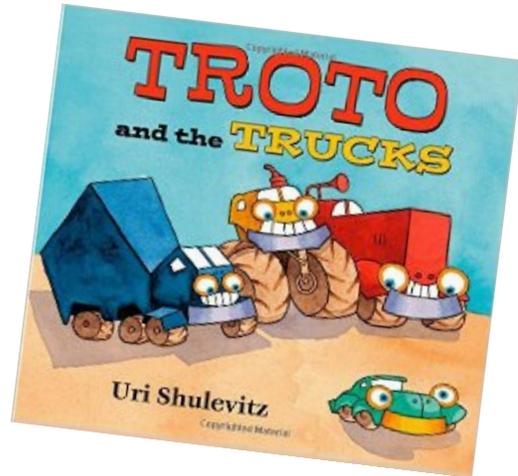
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Book Review

Title: Troto and the Trucks
Author: Uri Shulevitz
Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury
Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux Books
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780374300807
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

Troto is a happy little car that loves to go places! He drives all the way to Cactusville where three big trucks tease him for being small. Troto asks if they want to race, and they all meet at Cactus Canyon to begin. The other trucks may be bigger and faster than Troto, but Troto wins by squeezing between them, sliding under them, and jumping over things that trap the big trucks.

This book has terrific watercolor illustrations of beautiful and unique dessert scenes that frame the story. The author beautifully balances using pictures and text to tell the story, even leaving a page or two blank when no words are necessary. The sentences are short and simple with only one or two per page, setting a light pace for the book. The message of the book is positive; all of the cars leave on good terms despite their rocky beginning, and learn that they shouldn't judge others based on appearances. Overall, this is a great book!