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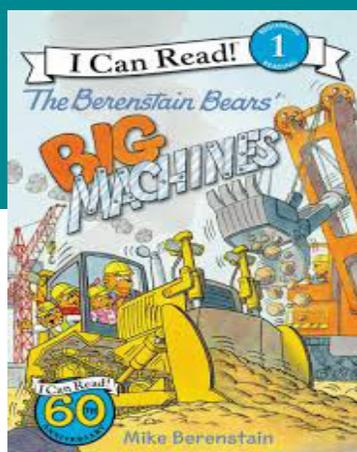
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Dependable

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Book Review

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Gramps takes Brother, Sister, and Honey Bear to cousin Jake's construction site to see big machines in action. The Bears learn about big machines used for excavation, construction, and demolition and see the machines that bulldoze, grade roads, and lift materials high up into the air. They also visit a farm with Cousin Jake to see the equipment used in the fields of a farm to plant and harvest wheat. Finally, the Bears get to see logging and mining machines such as a feller buncher and a bucket wheel excavator on their outing with Grizzly Gramps.

Although this book is filled with great illustrations of heavy machinery and the very lovable Berenstain Bears, the text is lacking. The story is not captivating, but rather is repetitive in both the words used and the sentence construction. The beginners' level of this text can excuse some of the repetitiveness and boring sentence structure, but some of the words used are far beyond beginning reads, such as 'ginormous.' Additionally, the names of the big equipment are difficult for beginner readers to sound out, such as 'combine harvester' and 'bucket wheel excavator.' Overall, it is an mediocre book, better to be read aloud by an adult while younger children look at the colorful illustrations.