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Book Review

Tractor Mac Family Reunion

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

Pages

23

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2013

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Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young
Readers

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Tractor Mac helps the farmers on several neighboring farms. One farm is his favorite because there are train tracks along the fields. Iron Dave carries the train cars down the track each day and occasionally stops to talk with Tractor Mac. Iron Dave pulls stock cars, passenger cars, tank cars, hopper cars, and flatcars. Each car that is a part of the train looks the same because they're part of the same family. Tractor Mac thinks he's the only one of his kind, until Iron Dave carries train cars full of tractors that look just like Mac! Mac considers them his family, but the farm animals disagree. The farm animals are his family because they know and love him. After a trip to the tractor dealership, Mac realizes that that is not the tractors' home, it's just a place they go until they find a home like Mac's. In the end, Mac would not trade his farm family for anything!

This picture book is full of detailed illustrations by Billy Steers, who must love country life and antique machinery. These tractors aren't John Deere brand; they are old, classy red tractors from the old days. The message of this book is family. It would be especially relevant to adopted children. Each time children read this book, they will notice something new in the illustrations that they hadn't noticed before. Tractor Mac is a friendly character that is learning a new lesson in each book in the series. This book would be great for children ages four to ten, and children who love tractors, trains, and other vehicles will instantly fall in love with this book. It is not a board book, like some of the other Tractor Mac books, so it would not be suitable for toddlers.