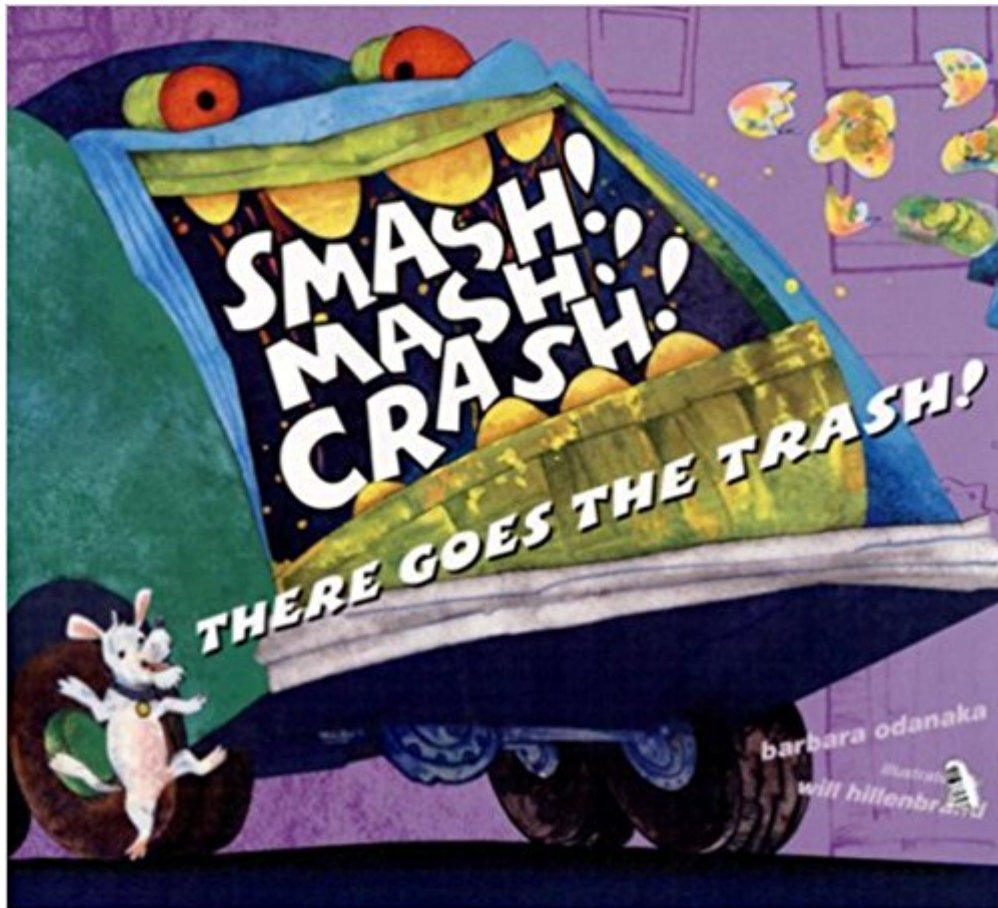




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# Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes The Trash!



## Synopsis

THE GARBAGE TRUCKS ARE HERE TODAY! Smashing, mashing, lights a-flashing, gobblin' garbage, GULPITY-GULP. From castaway furniture to last night's leftovers, no job is too big or too small for this rugged team. With an upbeat, rhythmic text, Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash! follows two garbage trucks on their route. What results is a stinky, roaring, rumbling mess -- and LOADS OF FUN!

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1 *— Rhythmic, rhyming language abounds as two piglets welcome the early-morning arrival of a pair of Rumbling, roaring garbage trucks. All of the offal details are here as the green behemoths gobble up everything from apple cores and dirty diapers to broken furniture. Smiling porcine workers, with Greasy gloves — sticky boots — stains a-plenty on their suits, feed the beasts while Flies a-buzzin' by the dozen enjoy a feast at the rolling bug buffet. After completing all of the Crushing, /cramming, /screeching, /slamming, the vehicles thunder away, leaving the youngsters to re-create the action with their toy replicas. Done in ink and egg tempera on canvas, the vivacious two-page paintings convey the text's enthusiasm and energy. The trucks, shown from the rear and personified with mouthlike hoppers and red brakelight eyes, gleefully munch their way through an array of vividly colored refuse. The pigs are appealing, and readers can*

follow the antics of their dogs as they rush outside to be part of the fun. Pair this onomatopoeic offering with other tongue-tingling read-alouds, such as Kate McMullan's *I Stink!* (2002) and Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha's *Trashy Town* (1999, both HarperCollins), for a crash-bang storytime on a perennially popular topic.~œJoy Fleishhacker, School Library Journal  
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Another book about garbage trucks? Well, yes, but instead of focusing on a swaggering, loudmouthed vehicle, as Kate McMullan does in *I Stink!* (2002), this book stars a couple of pigs. Leaping out of bed early in the morning, the pigs watch two garbage trucks groaning, gobbling, and grinding as they make their noisy rounds. Hillenbrand's textured illustrations, in egg tempera and ink on canvas, depict the machines as giant, mechanical toads on wheels. The midnight-blue background gradually lightens to cream as daylight comes and the garbage workers (also pigs) pick up their loads, including cast-off furniture and dirty diapers. After the big buildup, the end is rather tame, but the rhyming text is as descriptive as the art ("Gooey, gloppy. / Slimy, sloppy. / Truck's a rolling bug buffet. / Flies a-buzzin' by the dozen-- / lapping up that cheese souffle").^B The antics^B

My son loves this book. He is into everything associated with garbage trucks so of course this was going to pass the like test. He is learning how to read through this book. So glad that this book exists and is available through prime. I would definitely buy this again. Got to love it!

My toddlers favorite book ever. We borrowed it from the library and renewed it as many times as they would let us. Then I bought it. He's not even 3 and can read it word for word. He loves garbage trucks so this book is a huge hit in our house.

This book is my child. He waits, gets excited, everything. So cute.

Borrowed it from the library and the kid requested it multiple times a day for weeks. It has great rhythm and rhyme, and for kids who love trucks, and the wonderful noises it makes, this book is a delight. I like that the book has so many different senses that it appeals to, such as stinky smells, all sorts of sounds, sticky textures and such.

Such an adorable story! I'm sure many kids can relate to the two little piggies in this book who are excited to watch the trash men gather the trash and put it in the big trash truck. I bought this as a

companion book to a toy trash truck I purchased for my nephew. The book is well written and the illustrations tell the story very well. The rhymes are catchy and funny. We enjoyed it!

One of our son's favorite books!

Our toddler boy is obsessed with what he calls 'Bin Trucks'. He quotes 'Smash, Mash, Crash!' while playing with his truck toys. He even makes a toy dog get an apple core from the truck - just as in the book. I thought the illustrations were a bit chaotic and lacking contrast (it is supposed to be the dim light of night), but he does not mind that at all. He always looks for the silhouettes of the little pig boys in their bedroom looking watching the pig men working. He giggles when he see the dirty diapers flying into the truck. Bathroom humor starts early!

My son received this book for his third birthday and it is still one of his favorites, eight months later. Like many boys, he his obsessed with garbage trucks. This book is, in my opinion, the best garbage truck book out there. Trashytown and I Stink are good as well, but Smash! Mash! Crash! is on top. The rhyming in this book is very well done (so many rhyming children's books get clumsy) and the illustrations are bright and eye-catching. My son also owns a Bruder garbage truck, and he loves the fact that he can play with his own green garbage truck just like the little pigs in the book do at the end.

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