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A very little bulldozer learns that taking care of kittens is a very big job in this follow-up to *Bulldozer's Big Day* .

The construction site bustled.

Cement Truck was stirring...stirring...stirring.

Digger Truck was scooping...scooping...scooping.

Crane Truck was lifting...lifting...lifting.

And Bulldozer was—*watching...watching...watching*.

Little Bulldozer wants to help, but all the bigger trucks say he is too small. So when Crane Truck says he can clear a bit of debris out of the way, Little Bulldozer is eager for the job. He can do it, yes he can. What he doesn't expect is to find a family of newborn kittens living in the pile of debris! Can he take care of babies? Now *that's* a tough job. A job that happens to be just the right size for Little Bulldozer.

## Bulldozer Helps Out Details

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## From Reader Review Bulldozer Helps Out for online ebook

### **Samantha says**

Little Bulldozer is anxious to help out, but the other construction machines all find reasons why Bulldozer isn't ready for the work. Finally, they assign Little Bulldozer a task, but are upset when hours later the work isn't complete. Little do they know that Bulldozer has a very good reason: kittens!

Relief block prints. PreK-2.

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### **Tonja Drecker says**

The rumbling and grumbling of these tough trucks makes little construction worker hearts beat faster, while throwing in the warm, snuggly feeling even the smallest hard-hat wearer needs.

Everything's busy at the construction site, but the bulldozer feels a little left out. While all of the other strong vehicles rumble around, he has nothing to do. When he finally gets a chance to prove his worth, an unexpected surprise brings everything to a halt.

The exciting activity of a construction site comes to life in these vibrant illustrations. The illustrations are simple enough for younger listeners to sink into without completely losing the detail needed to draw curious eyes in time and again. Kids will have no trouble recognizing their favorite machines as they roar from here to there. The bulldozer gains tons of sympathy as he stands off to the side alone but wants to get involved—a situation kids will be able to understand and empathize with. The text is kept brief but hits home, bringing across the message loud and clear. It's great for even younger kids ages two and up.

The twist at the end is a big surprise and brings all sorts of warm fuzzy feelings to life. It's unexpected and might have been hinted at least a little in the illustrations before to bring in more flow. But it definitely leaves a smile on the face—as well as a happy sigh—shows that even the toughest shell often holds a gentle heart.

I received a complimentary copy from the publisher and enjoyed this book so much (and know little construction dreamers will too) that I wanted to leave my honest opinion and thoughts.

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### **Lauren Kramer says**

In *Bulldozer Helps Out* by Candance Fleming, Bulldozer would give anything to help out on the construction site. Cement Mixer was stirring; Crane Truck was lifting. Even Digger Truck was scooping. What was Bulldozer doing? Watching.

He asked his fellow trucks what he could do to be part of the project. Dump Truck told him he was too little to help. The other trucks agreed that construction work is only for rough and tough trucks.

Feeling sorry for Bulldozer, Crane gives him a special task. He must clear away a pile of rubble and flatten out a new construction site. Will Bulldozer be able to prove that he has what it takes to get the job done?

I think this is a wonderful story that is full of action and heart. Children will definitely be able to relate to Bulldozer and his passion for helping others.

Additionally, Eric Rohmann's illustrations are outstanding. Each character is large and vibrant and will certainly capture the reader's attention. I also love the subtle details that provide clues as to what will happen next in the story.

This is a fantastic read for children ages 4-7.

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### **Beckie says**

My almost 3 yr old daughter is really in to cars and trucks at the moment. She picked this book out tonight from our library book pile and loves every moment of it. Both kids loved the kittens at the end. Will definitely be checking out more Bulldozer books.

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### **Jen Betton says**

Bulldozer wants to help out! He's big enough! He can do it! Kids will relate to Bulldozer's desire to be like the bigger vehicles in his life, and when they give him a job to do, he is determined to do the best job he can. This is an incredibly sweet construction story. The ending took me by surprise, in a wonderful way! I'm a huge fan of Candace Fleming and Eric Rohman, and this book does not disappoint.

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### **Lynn says**

Little Bulldozer shows a big, compassionate decision. Suspense and resolution very satisfying. Same bold colors as in her other Bulldozer book - can't wait to shelve this with it in the library for my preschoolers!

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

A perky little bulldozer and adorable kittens. What more could you want?

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### **Ames Public Library Youth Services says**

Bulldozer is having a hard time. He's too little to help any of the other construction equipment, but he so wants to be rough and tough like them. Finally, they find the perfect job for him! However, there's a bit of a surprise for everyone, but Bulldozer still proves that he's ready for a rough, rough job.

This new story about Bulldozer is a great combination of a rough tough construction story and a sweet story. It will be enjoyed by many!

-dmz

## Ruth Anne says

This story is a universal child experience of being too small to work with the big guys. Bulldozer watches the larger construction vehicles working. He offers to help and of course he is told he is too small. After thinking it over, the other vehicles give him a task. At first it looks like Bulldozer was not up to doing the work. He finds something unexpected and gets a new assignment and we get the happy ending. Perfect for pre-schoolers. The illustrations are mostly done in primary colors and outlined in black using relief block prints.

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## Becky says

First sentence: The construction site bustled. Cement Mixer was stirring...stirring...stirring. Crane Truck was lifting...lifting...lifting. Digger Truck was scooping...scooping...scooping. And Bulldozer was-- "Watching...watching...watching," he said with a sigh.

Premise/plot: Will Bulldozer get to work on this construction project? Construction work, he's told, is for rough, tough trucks. Can Bulldozer be rough and tough? The other construction trucks give him a work assignment, but can Bulldozer follow through?

My thoughts: I don't know what I was expecting from this one, but I was certainly surprised with the direction it went. Just when I thought a book couldn't surprise me.

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I was oh-so-surprised by the ADORABLE kittens that Bulldozer finds on the construction site. I was also surprised by the reaction of the other trucks.

"They're pretty cute, kid," said Dump Truck. "But taking care of babies? Now that's a rough, tough job."

I liked it okay in the beginning, but by the end I was loving it.

Text: 4 out of 5

Illustrations: 5 out of 5

Total: 9 out of 10

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## Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says

Fleming, Candace. Bulldozer Helps Out, PICTURE BOOK. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2017.

\$17.99.

Bulldozer wants a job to do! All the other work trucks keep telling it that the jobs they are doing are too rough, too big, or too difficult for him. He is finally given a job to clear up a large pile of rubble. Bulldozer rushes over, completely excited, and when he gets there, he stops. All the other trucks are confused and don't understand why he isn't working. When they get to him in huff, trying to do the job for him, he shushes them. They look down and see a mama cat and all her kitties. Bulldozer took care of them all day and is given the job to look after them for the remainder of the time they live there.

This is a really sweet picture book. Little readers will relate to wanting to do big things and will be pleasantly surprised when the cats are discovered. The pictures are vibrant and it's a great addition to the other Bulldozer books.

PRE-K, EL (K-3)- ADVISABLE. Reviewed by Shay, School Librarian  
<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

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### **Vicki says**

Cute story line, fun pictures make a nice story about construction equipment, with a moral that size doesn't matter.

It's not smooth flowing story to read along. I had trouble saying "clanged Crane" multiple times.

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### **Darcie Caswell says**

A group of trucks working on a construction site. Bulldozer sits on the side, "watching, watching, watching", eager to help but told by the bigger trucks that he is too small, that this work is for "rough, tough trucks". Crane suggests bulldozer clear a pile of trash, and bulldozer sets to work, charging off then coming to a fairly quick halt, then settling in and humming a lullaby. When the other trucks come by to check on bulldozer, they are upset that he hadn't done any work, and were very disappointed. When the other trucks start to step in and get the job done, bulldozer stops them and tells them to be quiet, then reveals what he had been protecting: a litter of kittens and their mother. The other trucks then compliment bulldozer on his ability to take care of babies, validating his strengths, even though they are different from his own.

Lots of repetition of words on every page, very fun for early readers and young listeners ("watching, watching, watching", "lifting, lifting, lifting")

Preschool-2nd grade

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### **Heidi says**

Cute, didn't end the way I thought.

I figured this book would be cute. After all it's by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann. And that smiling little bulldozer on the cover is pretty irresistible. I thought going in that this was going to be a story about

someone little being perfectly capable of helping out the bigger machines. That isn't a particularly new story line for the preschool crowd. But I was delightfully surprised to discover that this book took the little helping big storyline to a different place. After little Bulldozer manages to convince the big construction machines that he can help out, he gets to work. But the big machines are shocked when they discover that he hasn't done what they asked. Did Bulldozer not follow through or did he find something more important? Fleming and Rohmann have created a delightful book with gorgeous illustrations and a sweet story about priorities.

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### **Christine says**

Another fun truck-themed picture book with a surprise ending (and a bit of a nod to the parents thrown in for good measure).

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