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Nolan's always wanted his own backhoe! So when he finds a stray backhoe in the street, he can't wait to adopt it. But this backhoe is not very well behaved. As Nolan tries to train his new pet, he learns that maybe this backhoe already has a home.

This delightful story of a boy and his construction vehicle is brought to life with Craig Cameron's vibrant illustrations, making this the perfect addition to every young reader's library.

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From Reader Review Backhoe Joe for online ebook

Sheri says

Love the large type in the text and the colorful pictures by Craig Cameron. Seems like a fun idea for a boy to have a pet backhoe and later an even better big machine. Kindergarteners love this and the boys like it the most.

Anthony says

Nolan finds a stray backhoe, and names him Joe, but soon discovers that Joe is lost, and returns him to his rightful owner.

Rachel K says

A cute little book about a backhoe that is essentially a pet dog for a boy. the art is ok, and the story isnt too long. I enjoyed the ending where he gets a pet that is..not a cat.

Elle Markov says

The story was imaginative and creative, it follows little Nolan who learns that having a pet, even if it's a backhoe, is a lot more work than he thought.

So come and have a little fun with Nolan and his new backhoe, Joe.

Rating 4 out of 5

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Cemeread says

Nolan finds a lost backhoe and treats it like a pet. When he sees a notice for a lost backhoe he must decide what to do.

Frank says

This is a fantastic book for truck lovers. My kids (girl and boy) love this book. My daughter loves pets and got a kick out of the lost dog story, and my son is crazy for construction vehicles. My son (4) slept with the book for the first three nights that we read it. This book is one of the best construction books we've read in years.

Beka says

This little boy is pretty funny to try to have construction vehicles for pets :)

Melanie says

Nolan finds a stray backhoe, names him Joe and takes him home. His parents are hesitant to let Nolan keep the backhoe because it isn't trained. Nolan begins to train him and eventually finds a great place for Joe to dig. But on the way home Nolan notices a sign for a lost backhoe.

Nolan does the right thing and returns Joe to his rightful owner. His parents decide that his good decisions show that he is ready for a pet of his own. Nolan agrees. Although he wants something a bit less active; something that purrs. Like a... cement mixer!

Catherine Bailey says

Not just for boys! I loved it - my kids loved it, and I have two girls. Backhoe Joe is such a cute construction book, deftly explaining the perils of pet ownership in a sweet but silly manner. The ending was a nice little twist too!

Amber says

Clever

Jennifer Heise says

My six year old refused to allow me to read this to him (I think he's outgrowing trucks anyway), so you'll have to settle for my review. I found it charming; anyone who has ever wanted a backhoe of their very own (or any truck-loving dog-wanter) will sympathize with Nolan, who brings home a stray backhoe he finds wandering loose in the road. However, backhoes are hard to keep in the house-- this one digs up flowerbeds, dumps dirt inappropriately, etc. And it becomes obvious that the backhoe, who Nolan names "Joe," is pining for those he ran away from. Eventually, Joe and Nolan stumble on the construction site he came from, and Nolan bids Joe a fond goodbye. Nolan's parents are ready, having watched him care for Joe, to consider a pet for him... but the one he brings home at the end of the book is perhaps not the best choice!

Should be a hit with Truck fans from, say, 3 to 5, fans of DinoTrucks, and those with a predeliction for stories about adopting dinosaurs (such as *The Day Dinosaurs came with Everything*).

Jennifer says

A boy becomes friends with a stray backhoe. A plot only a 2 year old could relate to. The pictures are well drawn and I'm not sick of reading the story. Enough sound words that my son can also read most pages to himself.

Romelle says

Backhoe Joe is a brilliant mash-up of a construction vehicle and pet story. These are the very 2 topics that young kids love to read about. Original and clever by debut author, Lori Alexander. I love the idea of finding a stray backhoe vehicle and keeping it as a pet. The story touches upon authentic emotions and responsibilities associated with a pet that kids can relate to. Full of fun and humor with a great twist in the end. Backhoe Joe will tickle the imagination of young readers.

Mary says

This is a fun and unique story about a boy and a "pet" backhoe who follows him home one day. Although it is not a typical kind of pet, this book teaches the responsibility required to own a pet of any kind and how much time and energy it requires. A good read, especially for children who like big construction vehicles.

Margaret Chind says

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This is cute! I am only just starting to look into and understand the thrill of transportation themes for little boys. (Yet my girls do love Thomas and enjoy Bob the Builder from time to time...) With a new son I'm on the look out for some more diggers and such, because while we already like them books like Backhoe Joe can help us love them!

Craig Cameron's illustrations are adorable and I'm definitely a fan. Lori Alexander's text is good and fun. Pets are always an entertaining theme for kids to read about. But what if that pet was a lost construction tool? I mean seriously who hasn't seen that equipment left in a job and wondered what it would be like to take it home... But that backhoe already has a home. This is a fun one about pets, but about diggers too.

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