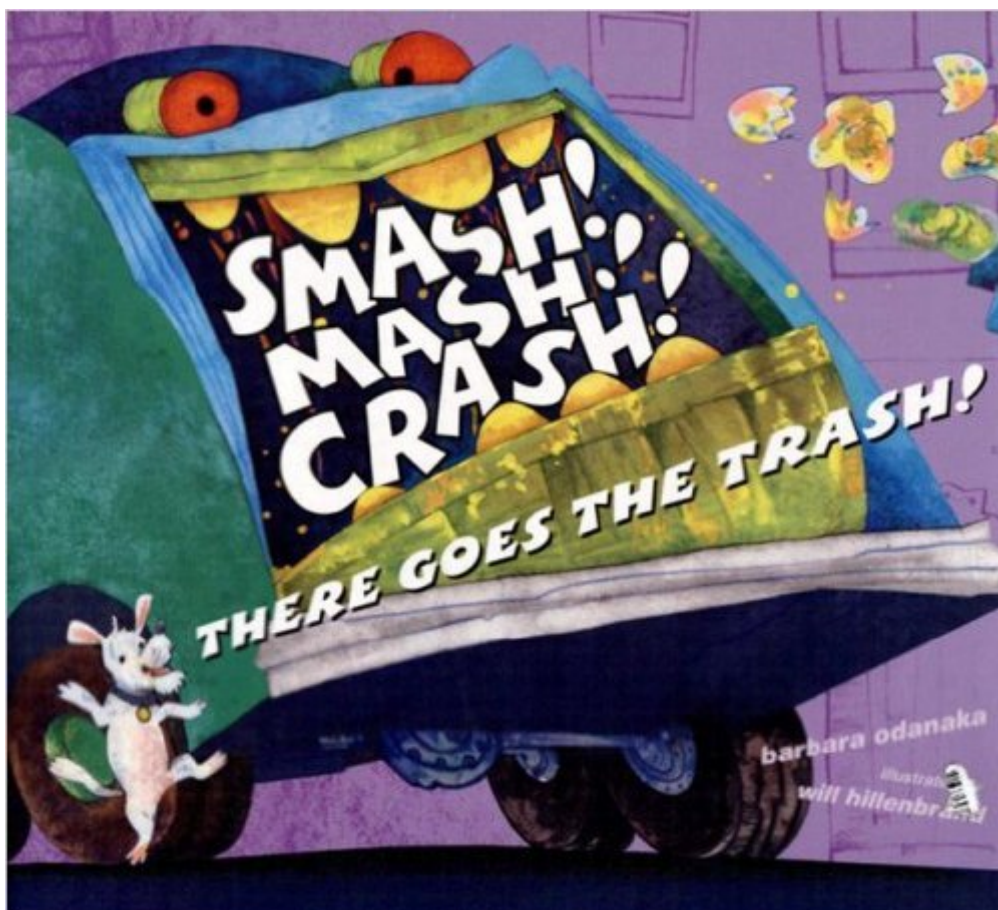


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# Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes The Trash!



## Synopsis

THE GARBAGE TRUCKS ARE HERE TODAY! Smashing, mashing, lights a-flashing, goblin' 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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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My three-year-old son and I are serious students of contemporary garbage truck literature and this book has quickly become our favorite. Barbara Odanaka's writing is a hoot to read aloud and the rhyme scheme keeps things hopping. Witty, short bursts of language on each page helps me avoid the evil-parent temptation to skip over words or (gasp) pages in hopes of moving things along, even on the 99th time around.

Somehow author Babrbara Odanaka and illustrator Will Hillenbrand have gotten insides the heads of the toddler set in this energetic and funny story about trash day. It brings back a lot of memories: Both as a father and as a kid, I saw how trashmen (and now, women) held a mysterious fascination for anyone who got up early enough to see them ride herd on a massive truck, overturning

EVERYONE's garbage cans, and making a huge racket in the otherwise quiet dawn--and they didn't even get in trouble for it. It's alive, and also larger-than-life, just the way a toddler might feel about this mighty, mouthy truck:"Down the street--hey, look, it's there! Truck just chomped a broken chair." A tongue and (yellow) teeth appear as the garbage pigs throw wonderfully stinky, trashy, silly things towards it's hungry mouth. Yet, neither the massive pigs nor the animated colossal truck are scary. The three dogs and two little pigs run excitedly around, delighted by this socially acceptable messy action:"Stinky diapers? Coffee grounds? Load it UP and smash it DOWN... "Gooney, gloopy.Slimy, sloppy. Truck's a rolling bug buffet. Flies a-buzzin' by the dozen--lapping up that cheese souffle (pictured in the mouth of the truck!).The rhymes don't skirt the issue--this IS garbage, after all--but it never feels gross or artificial. With the exception of "souffle," the words are easy to understand and the poetic narrative is both funny and unforced. Hillenbrand uses egg tempura and ink on canvas; the textures he achieves convey so much dimension that at first I thought he used collage as well. The book moves as quickly as those early morning garbage collectors of one's youth. The early morning escapade flows seamlessly into the animal kids' next activity... "Come on, let's play!" Fortunately, they own some mini-garbage trucks--it's gonna be a FUN day at this house!Beautifully drawn trashscapes and an exuberant cast and narrative elevate this trashy tale. Highly recommended!

'Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!' is my favorite book that I read with my daughter. Perfect for kids of all ages, the story is simple and rhymes well. Artwork jumps off the page and there are portions of artwork that all kids will laugh at and it's the kind of silly pictures you have never seen before (I will not spoil it for you)!!! I stumbled upon this gem in the library and we loved it so much I had to order it for my daughter. Since that time it has become Daddy/daughter book #1 on the shelf. Takes about 1-2 minutes to read, it's perfect for a short story or an anytime story. If you have young kids, read to them often and add this to your collection!!!!\*\*\*\*\* HIGHEST POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION

A fabulous book for my 2 1/2 year old son who is obsessed with all things trash. It is an easy read and we have read it so much, that he can read bits and pieces (or repeat them) to us.

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.

Although my 3 year old grandson loved this book, I thought it was only fair and I expect him to tire of it soon. The drawings are creative, but too creative for a 3 year old (too abstract). The story is okay, but actually, there's hardly a story at all. Every page has just a few words. For a younger child, I doubt he or she will perceive the pictures correctly. An older child will probably quickly be bored. I would be inclined to give it only 2 or 3 stars, but since my grandson did enjoy it, I'll give it a good rating of 4 stars. I may go back and change this in a month or two, depending on how he reacts when we re-read it. He LOVES to reread many of his books. I predict this won't be one of them, however.

This book is great to read aloud. My kids request this constantly. I have read this book over and over for two hours straight. Of course that's a little tiring, but the book itself doesn't get old.

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!

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