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Byron Barton, the celebrated creator of numerous picture books for very young children, including *Trucks*, *My Bus*, and *My Car*, builds a house, step by step, right before your eyes!

A machine digs a big hole. A cement mixer pours cement. Carpenters put up walls. Bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, and painters do their part. Through brilliantly simple words and pictures a house is built.

"You can almost do it yourself by carefully noting the steps depicted in each bright, brisk, clearly delineated picture . . . With independently interesting pictures and a definite, sunny personality, a very fine piece of work indeed."—*Kirkus Reviews*

Named a Notable Book for Children by the American Library Association

Supports the Common Core State Standards

Building a House Details

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Kalynda says

I am learning that Byron Barton is a great author to go to for preK-1, when you want the frame of a story, coupled with vocabulary building and background knowledge building, or assessing connections. He is also a great author to go to when you want to illustrations that may be close to the outlines provided by students. In this story, Byron Barton shows us the process of building a house, on a green hill. Had I read it earlier, this would have been a great add to my kindergarten lessons on community helpers and their tools, not to mention sequence and retelling. :-)

Erin says

Building a House describes the process of building a house using easily understandable descriptions and simple, colorful illustrations. Starting with a green hill and ending with a family moving into the house, each step of the process is described along the way. This book does a good job of showing how something is created from start to finish and how each person involved has their own important part to play, there are a lot of options for adding extra discussion as well. Toddlers especially interested in building or construction will like this simple yet informative nonfiction book.

Rebecca says

Fabulous introduction to the steps necessary for building a house. Appropriate for ages 2+. (At least my 24-mo-old benefited from it.) Great way to teach vocabulary, occupations, and sequencing.

I used this as a basic introduction to building for my almost four-year-old and followed it up with a book containing photographs and greater details (Building a House, by Ken Robbins, really written for much older reader, but I wanted photographs for portraying reality). I recommend pairing this book with Up Goes the Skyscraper by Gail Gibbons, which has a similar illustration style, although it does have more--and more advanced--detail than this book does, befitting even upper elementary readers who are interested in construction.

Sarah says

This is an overly simplistic book about how a house is built - even considering a preschool audience. It bugs me that there's no mention of time; it makes it seem like the house can be built in a day. Still, the illustrations are crisp and clear, and facing white pages with bold text make it good for early readers.

kim says

Cute

Shanna Gonzalez says

Byron Barton's deceptively simple cartoon-like drawings and streamlined text may seem unimpressive at first glance. But this author has a distinctive gift for distilling essential components of any event or theme into a page-turningly smooth story that the youngest child can follow. In this volume, he describes and illustrates the step-by-step construction of a family home, beginning with "a green hill" with land surveyors pictured, and ending with a family moving into the home. It's an excellent early lesson in architecture for any child, but particularly those young children who show an interest in how objects in their environment work.

Casandria says

Very simple construction book. Not a story.

Tommie Branscum says

Very, very, very simplistic. Might be a good read-aloud for the youngest of students who may be beginning to think about STEM topics and the design process.

Mommywest says

Outlines the steps of building a house without getting too complicated. The text is very simple, leaving a lot of room for describing what's happening in the pictures, if desired. Some other reviewers have mentioned that they have used this book in a kindergarten or pre-k setting and have added an activity or visual project along with it. Others pointed out that there are geometric shapes throughout. You could use this to talk about the different kinds of jobs that people do, or something similar. My little guy loved this book--he loves anything that has to do with vehicles, construction, and being a "fix-it man."

Chacha (Vanessa) Centeno says

Just used in a room full of kids with little English skills. We discussed the parts of a house and then they built their own using Citi Blocks. The simple vocabulary and illustrations were great.

June says

The trucks were extremely popular in the beginning, but the book was a bit long for lap time.

Nell Adams says

This book is great for a young boy, maybe age 2 or 3. The illustrations are not very detailed but are bright in color which are attractive to the little kids/ There are only about 4 or 5 words on each page and this will allow the children to not get bored quickly. This book is about builders building a house. On each page it is a different step that builders need to accomplish. For example they first find a spot, then use the machine to dig a hole, use hammers and saws, and etc... This can be quite interesting to younger kids. A teacher can either have this book in their reading corner or when they talk about different careers, this book can be used to teach about builders. I thought this book was decent, not my favorite though.

Yoselin Holguin-Rangel says

Great book to read for kids who are learning about building spaces and becoming familiar with tools.

Katie Fitzgerald says

Read at Baby/Toddler Story Time on 2/22/11: <http://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com/...>

Read during a Pre-K class visit on 6/9/11: <http://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com/...>

Read at drop-in story time on 4/30/13: <http://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com/...>

David says

Building a House by Byron Barton is a basic, step-by-step look at the construction of a family home. Starting with a green hill and ending with a family moving into the completed home, Barton shows the whole process. Diggers, cement mixers & a foundation, bricklayers, carpenters, floors, walls, roofs, fireplace and chimney, plumbers putting in pipes, electricians wiring lights, windows and doors, and painters are shown as the house is built.

The text is clear and moves along step by step. Vocabulary can also be built using this book. The simple cartoon-like figures are perfect for young construction and architecture fans. There is even a simple blue front and side view of the house depicted on the title page. A number of details are shown but not described, including surveyors and lots of tools, such as hammers, trowels, planes, and brushes.

Perfect for children interested in construction and building. Some assistance with vocabulary may be needed. Shapes could be identified.

For ages 3 to 5 & some independent readers, construction, buildings, homes, and fans of Byron Barton.
