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Calling all tools to the workbench! Aaron Meshon's follow-up to *Take Me Out to the Yakyu*, which *The New York Times Book Review* calls "a definite home run," hits the nail on the head.

In a messy yard, a busy day begins for a team of tools. With a *click, click* and a *bang! bang!*, everyone from Wrench, Hammer, and Screwdriver right down to Nuts and Bolts is pitching in to make a shed. Okay, crew! Who's ready to build?

From "hammer" and "wrench" to "awl" and "vise," readers will construct a vocabulary of terrific tool terms as they learn the importance of teamwork.

Tools Rule! Details

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Mary says

This is a fun and interactive book for ECE and early elementary readers who are interested in tools and building things. As I was reading it, I kept thinking of all of the things I could build and organize in my own home! There is a good deal of new vocabulary, fun characters, and excellent examples of teamwork.

Erica Flory says

cute

Laila (BigReadingLife) says

My son LOVES tools. (His dad is pretty handy.) This is a brightly illustrated book about the value of teamwork. Cute puns too (The vice says, "My advice? We need to get a grip on things.")

Stephanie says

This book was cute and while I did read it for storytime I do kind of think there might have been too much going on for them to keep focused. It was great to show how they work together, but for the age it seems geared toward there might have been too many "advanced" tools and too many speech bubbles. It's like a cross between a comic and a picture book, but not really one or the other. It was definitely a great read, and would probably be great to read together one on one so the adult can point out special tools and hopefully explain what they are.

Caryn Caldwell says

The backyard is a mess, so all the different tools get together to build a shed. Once they're protected and organized inside their new shelter, they can finally sleep peacefully.

Tools Rule! touches on teamwork and the importance of organizing one's workspace, while introducing a number of tools by name and showing them in use. Action, wordplay, and colorful illustrations add to the interest.

Ruth Ann says

I believe that this book will have a niche audience among young boys who have a toy workbench. They will

enjoy identifying the tools but will probably not catch the puns and wordplay, but maybe their parents, older siblings, or caretakers will! The story line is simple, and the pictures are very colorful. It will be a hit for many.

Jessica Haider says

My son likes this because it's about tools and right now he thinks tools and "construction sites" are cool. The book also teaches a lesson about how keeping your tools organized is so much better than leaving them strewn all over the place. I can only hope that that lesson sinks in regarding keeping his toys cleaned up.

Kay Lowenstein says

My 3.5 year old daughter loves this book! She loves tools. (Only edit I would make would be to have no eyes on the wood as my daughter got a little concerned the wood did not want to be cut).

Renee says

3.75 Many tools cooperate to build a tool shed. This will be part of a construction/tools storytime for preschoolers. Bright illustrations and wordplay will be a hit with my kiddos. I may omit some of the speech bubbles for prek, but they have a good attention span as long as the book is interesting.

Bailey Douglas says

This is a book about various tools who work together to build a shed. Each page labels tools and describes their functions. This is a great way for students to learn about each tool and what they do. I love the illustrations- they are so colorful and vibrant. This book also has many sounds that each tool makes written down, which would be great for a lesson on onomatopoeia. This was not my favorite book. I thought there could've been a little more description in the tools, but I still think it could be useful in maybe a pre-k or kindergarten classroom.

Marfita says

For the DIY lover in your house. I can think of at least one kid here at the library that would adore this. There isn't much plot, but the illustrations are cute. Far and away the best part for me was the author's description of his materials, or "tools." Be sure you read the whole book, even that seemingly boring publication information, or you might miss something very interesting!

The tools need a place to lay their head at night, so they club together to build a shed around the workbench.

Kalynda says

Such a cute story where the tools are the main characters! I can just picture the PreK-1st grade students really loving this story's cartoon-like illustrations, while raising their hands to tell you which ones they have seen at their house. :-) Using a combination of onomatopoeia and figurative language, this book would really excel as a read aloud, so the facilitator can seize those language based and science based teachable moments. This story would also connect well with student story telling, students sharing their unique background knowledge, and students using their knowledges in the classroom for a STEM lesson partnered with oral language and writing development.

Kate says

This book was pretty cute...a bunch of tools with adorable faces decide that they need to build a shed to keep themselves in so they're not always scattered around in the backyard.

I found it more interesting to read this book if you imagine it takes place in a world where everyday items have gained sentience and killed all the humans, and are now trying to figure out how to manage their new-found independence. The perpetual grins on all the formerly inanimate objects in the backyard becomes much more sinister when you imagine that the inside of the house is covered in blood and dead bodies.

K says

This book is full of engaging illustrations and teaches young children about tools. What are tools? What do they look like? How do we use them? All of these questions are answered within the colorful cartoon illustrations of Aaron Meshon. This book is lively and engaging. I would love to use this in a preschool classroom.

Melissa Mcavoy says

Four and a half stars.

Charming, brightly colored comic book style illustrations tell the story of a group of animated tools that work together to build a toolshed. There are lots of puns and wordplay-the vise suggests getting a 'grip on things' to which the notepad responds 'Write on!' Balancing the goofy humor is the comfort of the straight forward, step by step, process of careful building and the satisfaction of seeing the messy yard scattered with tools transformed into an organized shed with a place for everything. Lots of labeling and building vignettes help teach the names and functions of a wide range of tools.
