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Early each morning,  
before the sun is even up,  
the Truck Stop opens for breakfast,  
and the trucks start pulling in.

Eighteen wheeler,  
milk tank,  
moving van,  
and flatbed!

Their drivers order eggs and bacon,  
pancakes with syrup,  
and a blueberry muffin.

For the boy who helps his parents at the counter, there is nothing better than seeing all the trucks roll in; he knows every single one . . . and can tell when one is missing!

Here is a story for very young truck lovers, worth stopping for again and again.

## Truck Stop Details

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# **From Reader Review Truck Stop for online ebook**

## **Brittany says**

My daughter received this book from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. It is a book about an old-school diner/truck stop where everybody knows everybody. My daughter liked pointing out all of the different trucks in the book, but the overall story did not seem interesting to her.

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## **Patricia McLaughlin says**

A tribute to truckers and the families who feed them; vibrant illustrations of trucks, truckers, and truck stop fare.

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## **Nick says**

This is a cute book about the happenings at a truck stop along the highway. "This little boy is a hard worker" my kids say every time we read it, because he gets up to help his family at the truck stop before catching the bus for school.

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## **Brittany says**

A book about a boy whose family runs a truck stop.

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## **Abby says**

Truck Stop may or may not feature a rhyme scheme -- it seemed to try at times, but never fully committed. Rockwell shares the story of a young boy whose family owns a truck stop diner and puts him to work in the mornings (gasp! child labor!). The regulars file their way in, but one regular doesn't show. When the kid gets on the bus to go to school, he sees this regular broken down on the side of the road and the bus driver agrees to call for help for the poor guy. Each regular is of a different race (tokenism, perhaps, given that the first two people are white and the first is a white man...hmmm). The end pages of Truck Stop illustrate different kinds of vehicles with their names, perfect for helping children to identify various trucks.

Illustrations throughout the book are in a cut-out-paper style and, while a few of the pages are especially interesting to look at, I didn't feel the illustrations stood out as a whole.

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## **Hayley says**

The concept of this book is cute (a little kid opens up the family diner/truck stop each morning and greets the regulars and their vehicles before heading to school), but the text itself is clunky, especially to read aloud. There are a lot of sentence fragments, and phrasing choices that make this a poor read-aloud choice (e.g. *"Where's Green Gus?" asks Eighteen-Wheeler's Sam.* -- this could have been *"Where's Green Gus?" asks Sam, the Eighteen-Wheeler driver* and it would be easier on the person reading aloud, and doesn't seem like a necessary clunky choice since the text doesn't rhyme or have a particular format. Little choices like that appear a couple times, so although my little one enjoys the story and the trucks, I'd prefer to read other truck books to her over this.

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### **Karen says**

About a family who runs a truck stop, and their regulars. =)

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### **Amanda Hoffman says**

This book reminds me of my dad. My father was a truck driver. This brings so many personal memories. This book is about friendship and helping each other out. You can draw from all the different types of trucks and see the differences between them all. This book also teaches about a sense of community.

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### **Cliff says**

This is a good reminder of the importance of community.

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### **Danielle Bigsby says**

I really enjoyed reading this book to my 3 year old and she enjoyed the illustrations.

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### **Brian says**

We got this book from Dolly Parton this month. It is a good book and my child loves it. He said that he loves it because he loves trucks and there are a lot of trucks in this book. He wailed last night because we didn't finish the book. I don't mind reading it every night, but the wording is a bit clunky and really does not roll off the tongue.

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### **Chrissy Campbell says**

It was good.

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**Nikki says**

Great story! I love the illustrations!

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**Eliot Reads says**

Love the illustrations of different trucks and diverse drivers in this story about the daily encounters of a family running a truck stop diner.

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**Monica Williams says**

Wheely good fun! Great illustrations and a charming story. Even non-truck fans will find much to enjoy!

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