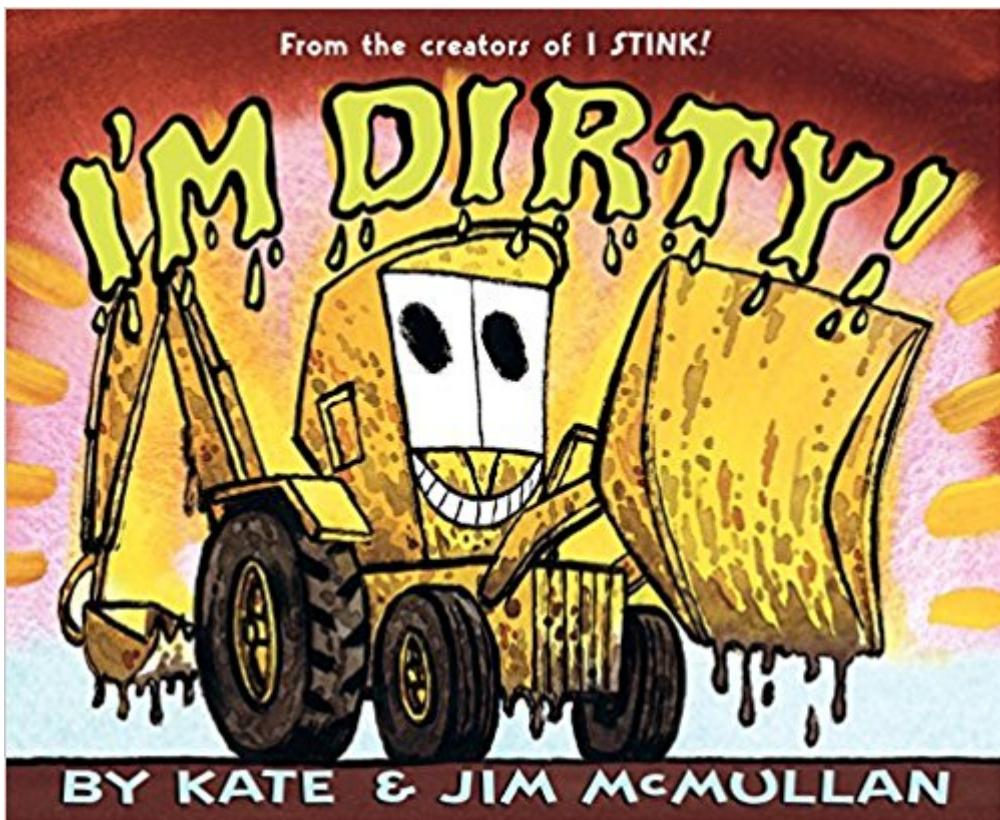


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# I'm Dirty!



## Synopsis

Now a streaming animated series! This construction vehicle with an attitude loves every second of his dirty job! For fans of *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* and *Steam Train, Dream Train* comes a noisy addition to the hilarious read-aloud series from Kate and Jim McMullan, the popular creators of *I'm Bad!* and *I Stink!* *Clank! Rattle! Bang!* Who's making all that noise? *Backhoe Loader*, reporting for duty.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 2  
With a style familiar to fans of *I'm Mighty!* (2003) and *I Stink!* (2002, both HarperCollins), McMullan introduces a sassy backhoe loader who relishes his dirty job. He brags about his equipment and then heads to work, where he cleans up an abandoned lot. Cleaning up this mess? Easy as pie. Make that a MUD pie. Counting down from 10 to 1, the backhoe removes the alliterative trash: 4 cat-clawed couches, 3 scuffed-up signs, 2 tossed-out toilet seats, 1 wonky washing machine. Then, he pulls out a tree stump, takes a mud bath, and back-drags his bucket over the dirt. Throughout the story, the machine becomes progressively dirtier, with a repeating motif of mud. The text flies about the pages, changing size, shape, and orientation. With its saucy tone and dynamic color cartoon illustrations, this picture book exudes energy.

Suzanne Myers Harold, Multnomah County Library System, Portland, OR

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\*Starred Review\* The irresistible, growling garbage-truck star of the McMullens' *I Stink!* (2002) collected legions of small fans. This follow-up's narrator, a swaggering, dirt-loving backhoe loader, is just as likable. The books' formats are similar. *Stink* weaves an alphabet game into the text; here, there is a counting exercise as the backhoe loader lists the piles of clutter it moves, from "10 torn-up truck tires" to "7 loused-up lawn chairs," while clearing a vacant lot. As in the previous title, the high-octane, boasting voice and energetic, bold-lined illustrations transform the machine into a loud-mouthed, fully anthropomorphized character that will instantly captivate kids. The short, choppy phrases, filled with sound, are just right for jolly, raucous read-alouds: "Ugh! Arrrrrrgh! Mmmmmmmmmph! Tim-berrrrrrr!" Pint-size gear-heads will love the spreads showing the backhoe loader using all of his features, from front claw to back wheels, and most kids will find plenty of vicarious fun in the grinning, powerful monster machine that creates and conquers chaos and loves a good mud bath. Gillian Engberg

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My son LOVES the Stinky and Dirty video series on video, but the books the series originated from ate kind of weird in my opinion. The words don't rhyme like a kids book, kind of random and the illustrations are freaky on a couple pages. But, my son still likes to read it since it's "Stinky" or "Dirty" from the videos, so I still gave it 4 stars. If your child doesn't low the video series however, then these books may not be a hit with them. I'd highly recommend the video series though, so cute!

I purchased this book after my son became obsessed with the Stinky and Dirty show. He was very excited to see a book about Dirty and knew all the characters on the back of the book (who are in the show). This is a cute book, with lots of emphasis and exclamations. There is motion to the words. I do think the way Dirty is developed in the book has a different personality than the show. The content is so-so- there is some mild educational theme in counting. However, my son enjoys it a lot, which is likely the most important factor in choosing a book.

I left the same review for *I Stink!* Of the two books I prefer *I'm Dirty!*, because the backhoe isn't quite as abrasive a character as the garbage truck. My son loves them both and we read them several times a day. I got this for my truck-crazed kiddo after he watched the 12-minute preview of The

Stinky and Dirty Show on loop for as long as I could stand it. This is a fun book and he really likes it, but it's not the same sort of character as the show. So if that's what you're looking for, you'll be disappointed. As its own thing it's still really nice.

I didn't like the book. I really expected it to be like the cartoon but the illustrations were a touch on the scary side. The I'm Stinky book is even worse. My son loves books about construction vehicles so we got him the set for Christmas this year since he loves the show. He didn't like these books at all.

Lol My two year old son LOVES this story in both book and animated versions. In fact we must have the book open while the show is going. Two and he's got the whole Alphabet Soup memorized before me. Wow. We watch it over 20 times a day and read it over and over again. Lol From the very 1st time this was a HUGE hit. I wish there were animated versions of this whole series...I'm really needing that about now. Lol

In this book, backhoe loader is taken to work site by a flatbed truck. Loader has to clean up a lot with lots of junk on it. There is countdown (10 to 1) of broken things that she is cleaning up. Finally, she pulls out the stump of the tree from the ground. The lot is clean, but digger is dirty. Then she takes a mud bath and flat bed drives her home. One has to read this story couple times to start liking it... but once one gets into reading with a silly voice, this is a fun book. My son wanted to read this book three times the first day he got it. We also like I am Mighty! and I Stink! Now he also wants to have I am Fast! the book which we have read in local bookstore. Again (as in I am Mighty!) the illustration /text combination is powerful. I ordered this book used and received a copy in pretty good condition.

I appreciate the subject here, and the pictures are fairly fun, but this series of kid's books just doesn't quite have the shine to stand out from the masses. A really good kids book, to me, needs a hook like a pop song. This just doesn't have it.

My 2.5 year old loves this book. I'm tired of reading it but who can complain about a child wanting to be read to? We bought the book after watching the pilot video 100 times. If you have a boy that loves cars, tractors and such I would say he would love this book too.

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