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What is large (or small), bright yellow, and filled with students? *School Bus!*

Climb aboard and let Donald Crews take you to school -- and home again.

School Bus Details

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The Book Box says

Daddy read this to me last night. I love school buses so I liked the book, but my favorite part was pointing out the lone garbage truck!

Heather says

Such a classic.

Rachel Smith says

Again, Crews does a great job using the simple theme of transportation to tell a small story that can be relatable for kids all across America. I would use it on the first day of school to talk to students about how they get to school and what their bus experience is like.

Jo Oehrlein says

A day in the life of a bunch of school buses -- from the bus barn to picking up kids, taking them to school, waiting, picking them up, taking them home, and back to the bus barn.

Emily Holter says

This book on school buses would be perfect for the kindergarten classrooms. The text doesn't say much, so it would age appropriate for that age group. It's important for a classroom that is having a transportation curriculum to have this book included in with it, as for it shows children the daily process of riding on the school bus.

As the school bus in the book travels down the street, you will see a multitude of other types of vehicles, such as; taxi's, cars, trucks, and buses. When the school bus picks up children at the bus stop, or brings them home from school, children will see the illustrations covering different types of races in this book. You will see Asian, African-American, Caucasian, and Latino students coming out of the school in the pictures. To add more into the lesson, students could count all of the school buses throughout the book, as for there are many on each page.

Kaelin Miller says

It was a sweet and simple book about buses. Buses are nice forms of transportation (Not so much in middle school and high school where you smell body odor from pubescents who don't wear deodorant.) Anyway, it's a pleasant book for kids who are beginning to learn to read!

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Never really had to ride the bus to school...but is there anyone who does not feel a bit nostalgic when a yellow school bus goes by? Great story for a child before they have to take their first trip on the bus.

Zaire Clinton says

My 2-yr old is into school buses and the color yellow. This book is perfect for the stage he is in. He loved counting the buses and seeing the different sizes.

Cynthia says

What is not to love if you are interested in school buses!

Becky says

First sentence: Yellow school buses large and small. Empty yellow buses cross the town. STOP. GO. Going this way. Going that way. Here it comes. See you later. Full buses head for school.

Premise/plot: Donald Crews gives us a day in the life of a school bus. The book comes full circle, beginning and ending with empty buses gone 'home again' in a parking lot.

My thoughts: This book is very yellow. It doesn't have the same rhythm and rhyme thing going for it as Freight Train does. Nor is it really a concept book like Freight Train was. (Freight Train is about COLORS.) The language is simple. I think little ones could definitely learn to read this one.

The art is simple, perhaps a little too simple. It does give us a diverse group of people waiting for buses, riding the buses, getting off the buses, etc. While there could be some pros perhaps to having all the humans lack facial features, I prefer faces.

I'm not sure I'd call this book "dandy entertainment" like Publishers Weekly did back in the day. In fact, I doubt I've used the word DANDY even once in one of my reviews.

Text: 3 out of 5

Illustrations: 3 out of 5

Total: 6 out of 10

Sandy says

The very first book my son read on his own! Have it on video too. So cute.

Josiah says

If you've read any of Donald Crews's picture books about vehicles, you know the format. Using as few words as possible, he shows what a particular kind of vehicle does on a typical day, from the moment its motor starts until after it's shut down for the day. In this book, the classic yellow school bus gets the Donald Crews treatment. Anyone who has boarded a school bus in the morning, crisscrossing town to pick up other kids before classes begin, knows the sensations rendered in this book. Many people have vivid memories of riding the bus to and from school.

School buses don't simply materialize when it's time to pick up kids. They're stored at bus shelters, waiting for their wheels to be needed. In big cities and small towns alike, buses are dispatched wherever kids need transportation to school. The kids climb on, parents wave goodbye, and the weekday begins. The buses reverse the route in late afternoon, their cumbersome frames rumbling away from school to take the kids home. The whole long day will resume again tomorrow.

The artwork in *School Bus* isn't as impressive as what earned Donald Crews a 1979 Caldecott Honor for *Freight Train*. The buses are drawn in competent detail, but there's nothing surprising or extraordinary. It's a serviceable presentation, good for preschoolers who love machines and vehicles. I'd probably give *School Bus* one and a half stars, though I'd consider going higher if there were a real story to speak of. Still, for the right audience, this book will be a hit.

J says

I always followed reading this book up with doing a round of The Wheels on the Bus. It just makes sense.

Hannah Knight says

This book is about seeing school buses, waiting for them, going to school, and going home. The pictures show streets, people, and school buses. This book would be great for young children.

Eliot Reads says

Calling all school bus enthusiasts! Though simple in text, this book is full of bright yellow buses of all shapes and sizes, in groups and on their own, on their way to and from school. Love Donald Crews's style!

