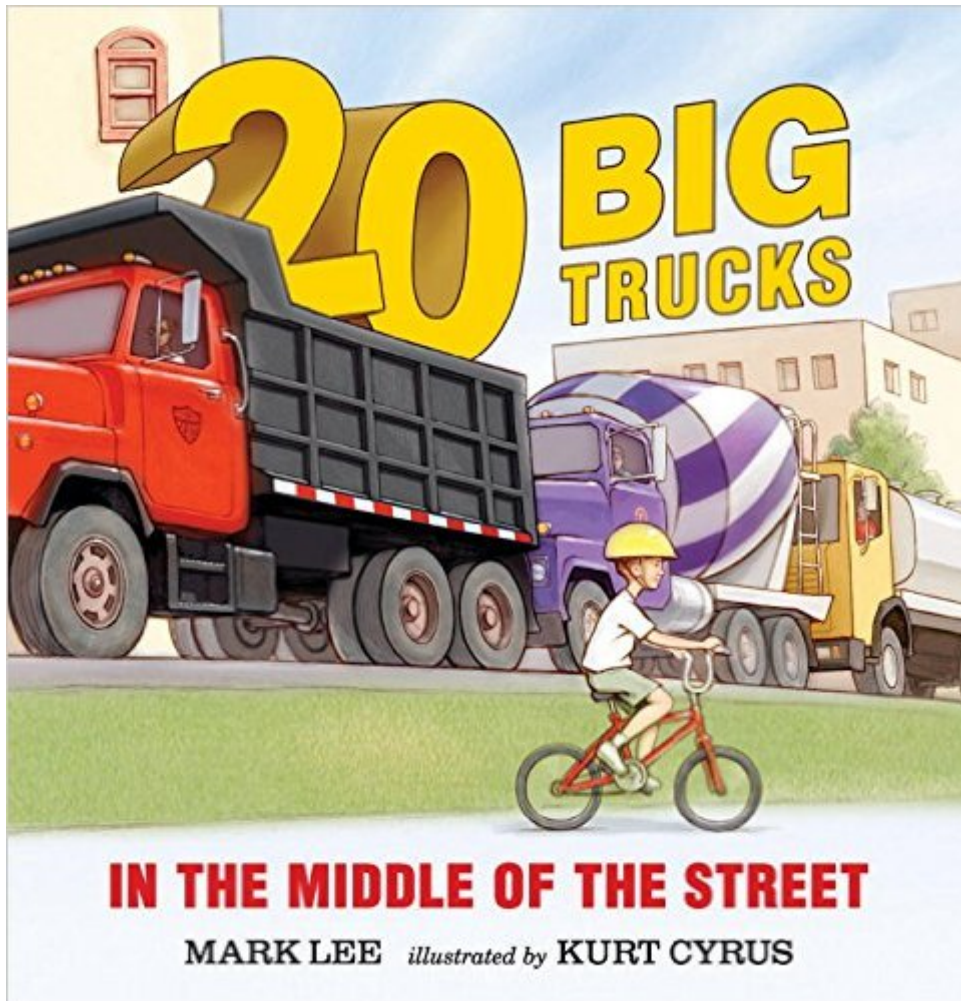


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# Twenty Big Trucks In The Middle Of The Street



## Synopsis

Count the trucks getting stuck in a traffic jam in this rhythmic read-aloud sure to draw in kids who love everything on wheels. One ice-cream truck selling everything sweet breaks down and blocks the middle of our street. If you're a little boy on a bike, an ice-cream truck on your street is always a welcome sight. But what if the truck breaks down and blocks the mail truck behind it (now there are two), not to mention a third truck carrying hay? One by one, trucks of all types and sizes and functions are sure to pile up behind, offering ample opportunity for ogling and counting. And maybe the boy's idea for putting one of the trucks to good use might even save the day!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Ironically, more children's counting books have been published than I can count. Any new counting book needs an original concept, or at least the things being counted should have a high appeal. Mark Lee should find an eager audience among boys for his book about trucks. Told in rhyme, *Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street* starts out with the ever-popular and familiar ice-cream truck "selling everything sweet". Alas, the truck breaks down, blocking the middle of the street. Next up is a mail truck, which soon finds itself stuck because of the broken-down ice-cream truck. Third is a truck carrying hay, which gets stopped in its tracks by the two stuck trucks ahead of it. One by one, a yellow-helmeted boy on a red bike counts the trucks which roll up his street only to find

themselves stuck, until there are twenty trucks blocking the road. For a counting book, Lee has created an entertaining story whose ultimate solution belongs to the boy and not the adults. Illustrator Kurt Cyrus uses a bright color palette with high visual appeal. The twenty big trucks, depicted from a variety of perspectives, dominate the pages. Sometimes a sole truck appears on a page, other times multiple trucks, and sometimes a spread depicts all twenty trucks. Boys will love identifying all the different trucks. Secondary to the trucks are the people, who include a range of body shapes and ethnicities. Cyrus rightly makes the young yellow-helmeted boy on his red bike the only constant presence. *Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street* brought back fond memories for me of the days when my young brother would clap his hands excitedly whenever he saw a truck. As an elementary school resource teacher, the majority of my students are boys.

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