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Review: Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site

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Rinker, Sherri Duskey. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*. Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Chronicle Books, 2011. ISBN: 9780811877824

Description:

In the middle of a busy construction site, five heavy duty machines do their part to create a building and build a road. Each machine is highlighted on separate pages as they finish their days work and shut down for the night. Crane Truck lifts his last beam; Cement Mixer pours his last load; Dump Truck spills his last rock on the heap; mighty Bulldozer levels his last grade; and Excavator digs his last hole. Then each one slowly shuts down, curls up and goes to sleep.

Critique:

Rinker's mechanical characters teach the importance of hard work and the necessity for rest. The function of each piece of equipment is accurately portrayed. Young children that are familiar with Maynard from the *Cars* movie and other animated vehicles will relate readily to the rough and tough machines portrayed in *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*. Vivid colors and strong lines in the illustrations fit well with the subject matter. Little truck enthusiasts should enjoy saying goodnight to the hardworking machines one at a time.

Related Subjects: Bedtime stories, Construction, Trucks, Vehicles

Character Traits: Diligence, **Knowledge**, Work Ethic