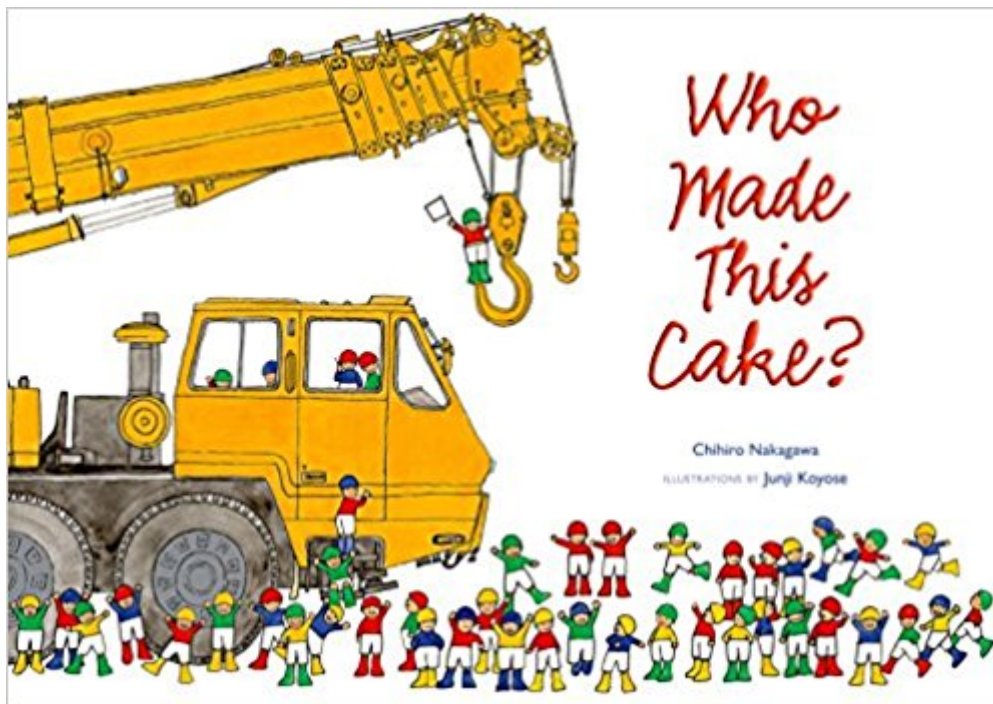


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# Who Made This Cake?



## Synopsis

Little people use BIG machines to make a GIANT birthday cake! Imagine an industrialized Lilliput. Imagine today. Imagine an enormous construction site. Imagine a birthday cake like no other. What if the people you order your next birthday cake from are tiny, and what if they build cakes the way we build buildings? Tractor-trailers and giant cranes, catwalks, and helicopters. Hundreds of workers. Never have you seen such a construction site in this Horn Book Fanfare Award winner!

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 • This story begins before the title page, as a worker takes an order over the phone. As the tale progresses, a miniature construction crew uses various vehicles to assemble cooking ingredients, mix a batter, pour it into a pan, load it into an oven, and then ice the final product: a birthday cake. Nakagawa's text employs an economy of words and simple sentences to supplement Koyose's detailed artwork, which is the heart of the book. Done in black ink lines and bright colors, the illustrations bustle with tiny workers wearing hard hats and matching boots. The ending shows a mother presenting the human-size cake to her child. This delightful picture book will be popular with fans of construction stories and makes a good choice for one-on-one sharing. • Lynn K. Vanca, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Richfield, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

In this picture book's framework story, a woman orders a cake on the title page and, in the end, presents it to her son for his birthday. The real action happens in between, though, as a team of tiny cake-construction workers uses some serious-looking miniature equipment, including dump trucks and cranes fitted with mixing whips. Even cracking an egg is a challenging engineering feat for people who are barely as tall as the yolk. The activities of these cheerful little folk will fascinate young children, especially those enthralled by Legos and the like. The minimal text (usually one sentence per double-page spread) consists of comments such as "Pour the mixture in the pan. / Load it in the oven. / Press the button, and let's take a break. / Mmmm, it smells good! WATCH OUT!" The pleasing artwork features precise ink drawings, tinted with bright colors that glow against clean, white backgrounds. It's the visual storytelling here that is most absorbing. Preschool-Grade 1. --Carolyn Phelan

My 3 year old son is REALLY into tractors right now and REALLY into cake. So I saw this on and thought this would be a perfect birthday gift for his 3 year birthday party (as it was construction themed). He loves the book, it's about a bunch of tractors/trucks mixing and baking a cake. The illustrations are fun, but the book is sorely lacking on words. Some nights, though, that's a good thing if I don't feel like reading a long book to him before bed. One neat little thing about the book is that just about every page, there is a little guy who has fallen down on the ground. It's kind of like a "Where's Waldo" game. We find the "oopsy" guy who fell down. We still can't find him on one page, but we'll keep looking!

amazing book for a toddler, beautiful graphics and great story

This is clearly a favorite book for a young child that loves construction vehicles. I have read and re-read it many times to my grand child. We make up stories about the "little people" on all the pages, and what the vehicles are doing. The illustrations are detailed and perfect to encourage anyone's imagination for more story telling.

We found this book in the library, borrowed it, and since them "read it" multiple times a day (including bedtime), every day...until I got tired of renewing it and decided to get our own copy. Book has detailed illustrations of various construction vehicles...that may help to learn how to draw these vehicles as well. Construction vehicles have various attachments I did not even know exist...this

book couples well with "Digger" from series Machines at Work, you'll find real photographs of many of the diggers depicted in "Who made the cake" in "Digger".[...]

I am a retired librarian. I ran an ES library for 33 years, then a HS for 4 years, and retired 8 years...so w/o my reviewing sources, I'm a bit outta touch. The reviewers are 100% right on this one. All the construction machines a boy would want, great illustrations w/ marvelous detail, cheerful, colorful, imaginative, and a birthday story to boot. GREAT b'day gift for children up to 9 maybe. LOVE IT! KSB

Let me say that the art in this book is fantastic. I had originally picked this book up at the library and my almost 5 year old son LOVED IT. we had to keep the book checked out for a month. This book is a real boy's book, one where a little boy can get lost in the fantasy of the images. There are not a lot of wrds. Basically its an imaginary world where this little little people, may be an 1" high make a cake for us regular sized folks. So they use minature equipment to handle life sized eggs butter and equipment. My son just loves to look at this book with me and sometimes I'll read the words, add my own story, or we'll discuss it or he'll tell me. I love this book. Great for your boy

This book was purchased to use as a guest registry for a retirement open house for friends who have sold their very successful custom cake business after 52 years. They were absolutely delighted; those who have helped with their cake business were too, adding their own custom lines to the story lines! The little people in "Who Made This Cake?" went to extraordinary measures to create a cake for the little boy, much like our friends have done for their customers. It is a beautifully simple book, with great illustrations. It would be perfect for a child, but was also perfect for this special occasion!

It's a very cute book and the illustrations are fun to look at. Other reviews have mentioned that the story does not have many words, however, I think it's fine because little kids have short attention span.

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