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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal
PreS—Folksy rhyming stanzas introduce readers to Blue, the eponymous pickup truck, and the barnyard critters he greets as he navigates the country roads near his farmhouse. The first half of the book is an enchanting, toddler-entrancing symphony of animal noises and beeps. The cheerful text mimics the bouncing of the truck, and the warm folk-art illustrations call to mind the paintings of Grandma Moses. Then it begins to rain, and a mean, self-important dump truck enters the story. When the Dump gets mired in the mud and honks for help, he gets no response: "nobody heard/(or nobody cared)." Then Blue drives into the puddle to assist, but also gets stuck. When Blue cries for help, the animals rush to the rescue. From this, the dump truck learns that "a lot depends/on a helping hand/from a few good friends." While the message might be a little heavy-handed, this is still a fun, rollicking story that should find a place in most collections.—*Rachael Vilmar, Eastern Shore Regional Library, Salisbury, MD*
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Review

"Schertle"s (*All You Need for a Beach*) rhyming stanzas are succinct, and she gives readers plenty of opportunities to chime in with animal and vehicle noises; colored, standout fonts highlight these sounds for extra effect. McElmurry"s (*Mad About Plaid*) gouaches recall the heyday of Golden Books in their combination of vividness, naïveté and sweetness, and her rich palette achieves verisimilitude that is no less satisfying for being nostalgic." --*Publishers Weekly*, starred review (4/28/08)
(*Publishers Weekly*)

About the Author

ALICE SCHERTLE is an award-winning poet whose much-loved books for children include *All You Need for a Beach* and *All You Need for a Snowman*. She lives in Plainfield, Massachusetts.

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