



## Hooray, It's Garbage Day!

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### Before reading the book

- Look at the front and back covers and read the title and text. How do you think the characters are feeling? What can you notice about the text?
- Examine the symbol on the green bin. What do you think it means?

### After reading the book, ask

- What is "onomatopoeia"? (You can look it up if you aren't sure.) Find examples of onomatopoeia in this book. Can you think of other words to add to your list?
- What does "recycle" mean. What do the children add to their recycle bin? What do they "restore and reuse"?
- What kinds of things that usually get thrown away in your trash bins might you be able to use another way or restore for your or another's reuse?
- Some communities have a recycling program with special bins for certain kinds of trash. Does yours? If so, what kinds of things can you and your family put in those bins? Why is it important to recycle?
- What happens to the trash the garbage truck picks up? What is a landfill?
- What is a "compost pile"? What is the purpose of it? What things is the child in the book putting aside for the compost pile? What other kinds of things could be put in as well?
- Garbage collectors are important community helpers. What other community helpers can you think of and how are they important?
- Some local towns offer tours of recycling facilities for school groups. Some offer educational resources. Ask your grown-up to check if your community offers such opportunities and plan to take a field trip or take advantage of their resources.

