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# Here Comes The Garbage Barge!



## Synopsis

This New York Times Best Illustrated Book is a mostly true and completely stinky story that is sure to make you say, "Pee-yew!" • Teaching environmental awareness has become a national priority, and this hilarious book (subtly) drives home the message that we can't produce unlimited trash without consequences. Before everyone recycled . . . There was a town that had 3,168 tons of garbage and nowhere to put it. What did they do? Enter the Garbage Barge! Amazing art built out of junk, toys, and found objects by Red Nose Studio makes this the perfect book for Earth Day or any day, and photos on the back side of the jacket show how the art was created. Here Comes the Garbage Barge was a New York Times Best Illustrated book of 2010, a Huffington Post Best Picture Book of the Year, and a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year. The Washington Post said, "Cautionary? Yes. Hilarious? You betcha!" and the New York Times Book Review raved, "[A] glorious visual treat."

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

People seem to be missing the point that this book is based on the real story, including, for the most part, the real names of the people involved! The book is tongue in cheek and if you have any imagination at all provides a great opportunity to do some educating on social and environmental

issues. Our 3 year old twins absolutely love it.

"Garbage Barge" is a book that has lessons to learn from so many points. Obviously, the first lesson to learn is about our environmental responsibility. At the time of this story, garbage from New York City and Long Island was routinely mounded on land or barged out to the Mudhole just off the New Jersey coast for dumping. This book takes a look at what happens when someone says that enough is enough, you gotta find a better way - and in steps Gino with a "brilliant plan". The second lesson is a lesson of geography - my daughter can use a map and track the travels of the barge with my grandson and note how many miles the barge actually goes while on this great stinking adventure. The last lesson is one of understanding of your fellow man. This is not a slap-in-the-face book of Italian-American stereotypes - as noted in most of the negative reviews - it is just a story populated with certain people from a certain region who speak with a very distinctive dialect. People from Long Island regularly "murder the King's English" - it's who they are and it's what makes them prime fodder for books like these. They ask questions. They say "huz youz doin" as a statement. They say "dis", "dat", and "What's it to ya?" Geez, lighten up - if you don't like the dialect of the fine people of Long Island - whatever the nationality, then open an elocution school in Brooklyn and help fix the perceived problem. As for the book, it's a great read for kids and a great starting point for some interesting discussions.

I love this book! It's such an interesting (and true) story. I feel it increases children's awareness of the production of too much garbage in our society, and how it doesn't really "go away" once we throw it out.

My 4-yr old loves this book so much I had to buy him a copy! We've borrowed it several times from the library, but he never gets tired of it so we figured just buy him a copy and he can have it forever!

Not only is this a great story with incredible illustrations but the back pages describing how the illustrations were created is fascinating! My children and I study the pages and find all sorts of things tucked here and there. Plus, this is about a situation that actually happened. Leads to great conversations about how our garbage doesn't just go away when we put it in the trash bin. Great book to share with children on Earthday.

This beautiful and humorous picture book chronicles the true story of a little tugboat and its barge

full of garbage setting out from Long Island and venturing from port to port all the way to Texas and back, turned away at each attempt to unload its stinky cargo anywhere but the place it started from. Winter's clever text accompanied by the animation-like illustrations of Red Nose Studio tells a tale for our time: Make Less Garbage!!!

From port to port, no one wanted to welcome the Garbage Barge and take in its trash. Leaving from Islip, Long Island, and traveling down the east coast to Mexico and Florida, the Garbage Barge ended up back in Brooklyn, New York, having its garbage incinerated, only to be buried in a landfill in Islip. This true story from New York in the late 1980's spells out the need for reduced consumption and better recycling. A nice story for children ages 5-8; this is a book with a message.

This book is FANTASTIC!!! I have fallen in love with it's true message. GARBAGE!!! RECYCLE!!! I also think Chris Sickels is one of the most AMAZING artists!!! What a talent. I'm glad I bought this book. I will keep it in my collection.

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