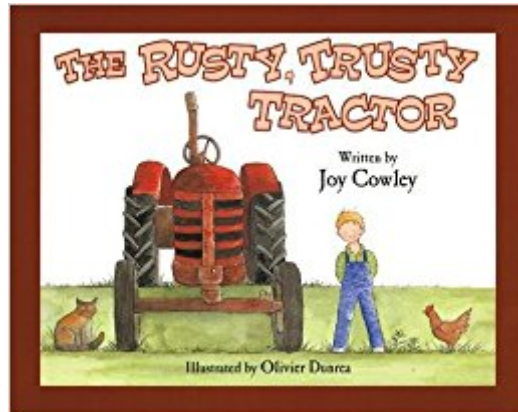




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The Rusty, Trusty Tractor



Synopsis

Mr. Hill of Hill's Tractor Sales is doing his best to sell a brand-new tractor to Micah's grandfather. He even wagers twenty jelly doughnuts that Granpappy's old tractor won't make it through haying season. As the days go by, Micah learns that the tractor is Granpappy's old friend, and as Granpappy says, "Friends don't let each other down."

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A boy doesn't understand his grandfather's love of a worn-out old tractor until he witnesses its dependability for himself. "An easygoing pace and down-home diction invite readers into a warm family story filled with nuggets of wisdom," said PW. Ages 4-8. (Feb.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-This quiet picture book celebrates the connection between an old farmer and his 50-year-old tractor. Granpappy's commitment to his old friend is frustrating for Mr. Hill, a tractor salesman, and a bit mysterious to his young grandson Micah. After all, it has cracked tires, a worn-out seat cushion, and no cab enclosure. Mr. Hill's lot, on the other hand, is full of bright, shiny vehicles with heat, air conditioning, and even sound systems. The salesman bets 20 jelly doughnuts

that the old tractor won't make it through the season. But Granpappy uses it to plow, plant, mow, rake, and bale 20 acres of hay-and it even starts up smoothly when it's needed to pull Mr. Hill's car out of a mud puddle. Cowley combines pleasantly evocative language ("The rest of spring came through at a gallop") with a straightforward plot and minimal but effective characterization to create an engaging story. Dunrea's gouache illustrations are reminiscent of Nancy Wilson Parker's flat, simple style, showing readers an old-fashioned farm, a tow-headed Micah clad in overalls, and a mustachioed Granpappy. Their static charm suits the low-key story perfectly. Given the popularity of books about farms, families, and "things that go," this title will appeal to a wide audience. Lisa Dennis, The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Great little book about a trusty tractor- family enjoyed it.

Cute story about a boy, his grandfather, and an old tractor. My preschoolers enjoyed it, and I particularly liked the message that new isn't always better. The old tractor continues to work even when others didn't think it would. The grandfather wouldn't give up on an "old friend". Good for reinforcing not being a throw-away society.

Great pictures and funny story

I got this book for my three year old son who loves tractors. We have a farm and this book was perfect for us !The story is rather LONG for a three year old, but the story is endearing and teaches a valuable lesson. Shiny and new is not always better than old and trustworthy and friends don't let friends down.The illustrations are wonderful. My whole family has enjoyed this book. We own three real "Rusty Trusty Tractors" and now my son and daughter understand why we fix what we have, and don't run out and buy something new every time we have a problem.I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves farming, tractors, and country life.

We like this book. When I was reading it to my son before school, my husband stopped what he was doing to listen. I didn't finish it before my son left for school and my husband picked the book up and finished it. Later in the day, I picked it up and finished it. I just had to know if the rusty old tractor was going to last through the season. This is a very good book. It is also an AR book worth 0.5 points. Living on a farm, this book reminded us of Grandpa and his old tractor.

Nostalgic and nice looking back into the history of an old tractor and how it came in to the family. The reliability of an old piece of equipment and the importance of family belongings and how the history of an object can tell a story.

Great book for the family! Our kids love it.

I've read this book many time to my children. I'm glad I bought it. It's about a boy, his grandfather and their old tractor and farm. Grandpa doesn't want to give in to the new tractor sales man who it betting grandfathers old tractor will fail him - well it doesn't and it even comes through at the end to help the salesman.

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