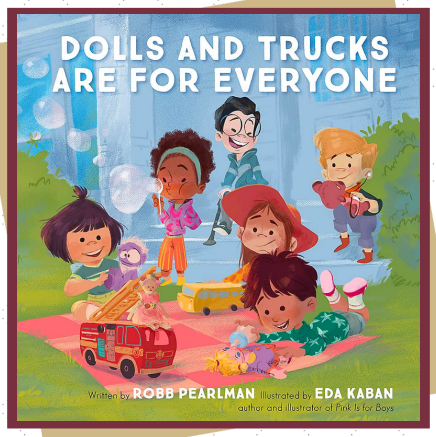

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Dolls and Trucks are for Everyone by Robb Pearlman

Book Summary

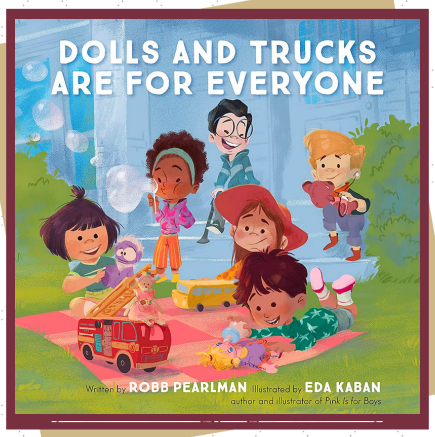
Dolls and trucks, as well as dance shoes, figure skating and hockey, and a variety of other pastimes and hobbies, are appropriate for both boys and girls. This festive read-aloud book challenges gender preconceptions and encourages young readers to shoot for the skies and pursue their aspirations regardless of their gender.

Before Reading the Story

- Discuss what you see on the cover of the book.
- Make predictions on what the story may be about.
- Discuss what toys you share at home, school, or on the playground.
- Let's turn through the pages of this book. What toys or activities do you see being shared?

Target Vocabulary

- **Cape**: a piece of clothing that does not have sleeves and that fits closely at the neck and hangs over the shoulders, arms, and back : a short cloak
- **Fabric:** woven or knitted material
- **Create:** to produce (something new, such as a work of art) by using your talents and imagination
- **Adventure:** an exciting or dangerous experience
- **Code:** a set of letters, numbers, symbols, etc., that is used to secretly send messages to someone
- **Robot:** a real or imaginary machine that is controlled by a computer and is often made to look like a human or animal



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During the Story

- Read the book aloud with the pictures facing your child.
- Make predictions about the story based on the pictures.
- Provide definitions and connections for any of the target vocabulary words that may be unfamiliar.
- Have your child repeat the words that they do not know.
- Relate the details in the story to events and experiences in your everyday life.
- Ask questions throughout the story to help your child understand what's being read.

After Reading the Story

- Have your child retell the story in their own words using the pictures.
- Have your child name sports and toys that everyone can play together.
- Discuss two other sports not mentioned in the book that everyone can do.
- Discuss toys or games that everyone can play together.
- Using any materials available (e.g., paper, crayons, markers, etc.) draw a picture of your favorite doll or truck.

Example Questions to Ask

- Hockey and _____ are two sport examples that anyone can do!
- Who are robots for?
- Why do you think dolls and trucks are for everyone, not just boys and girls?
- In the book, boys and girls go on an adventure because it makes a good story. What would be a fun adventure to go on with all of your friends?
- What are your favorite toys to share?
- Do you share dolls, trucks, or play sports with your brothers and sisters, friends, or family?