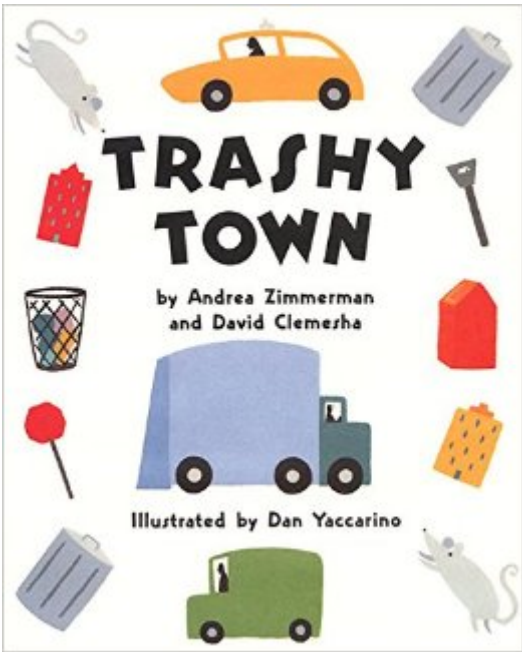


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# Trashy Town



## Synopsis

I dump it in! smash it down! drive around the trashy town Meet Mr. Gilly. He cleans up Trashy Town. He does it with a big smile and a big truck--which is sure to make him a hero with all the children in the neighborhood. David Clemesha and Andrea Zimmerman have created a rhythmic, repeatable refrain that will roll off the lips of every child. Dan Yaccarino's dynamic art puts the zip in Mr. Gilly's stride and adds style and charm to trash collection. 2000 Notable Children's Books (ALA)

## Book Information

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Things That Go

Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

When you're a children's librarian that has to perform multiple storytimes every week, you acquire a kind of ear for picture books that read aloud well. For example, reading aloud "Horton Hatches the Egg" works well for a single child, but for a large group it's just too darn long. And unless you have a real rhythm going with "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom", don't try to perform it just off the top of your head. Then there are books like Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha's delicious, "Trashy Town". Combining a jaunty rhythmic story about a trash man on the job with the overly accomplished Dan Yaccarino's illustrations, "Trashy Town" falls into the category of "godsend" when it comes to books for big groups o' kiddies. Mr. Gilly has a swell job. He's the trash man doing the route around his Trashy Town. With a perpetual look of benign happiness set on his face, Mr. Gilly visits the local school, the park, the pizza parlor, and even the doctor's office. Each time he

collects some trash the text reads, "Dump it in, smash it down, drive around the Trashy Town! Is the trash truck full yet? NO". Reading this book aloud, kids can yell, "NO!" when they get to this part. Eventually, however, Mr. Gilly has finished for the day. The town is clean, the trash is deposited at the dump, and when Mr. Gilly gets home there's only one more thing to clean up. "Time for a bath, Mr. Gilly!". Mr. Yaccarino has a signature style that has yet to be replicated by any illustrator out there. He's probably best known for being responsible, in part, for the picture book "Oswald", later turned into a Nick Jr. television show. In this book he fills the pages with simplified, almost retro images. These pictures are remarkably simple but convey the story beautifully. Likewise, the text is catchy.

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