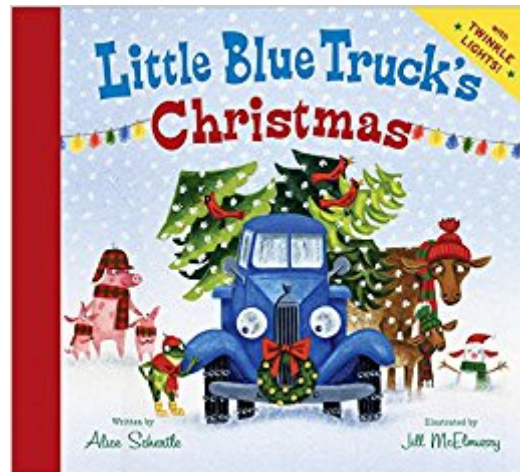




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# Little Blue Truck's Christmas



## Synopsis

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Little Blue Truck is spreading cheer by delivering Christmas trees to his animal friends. Can you help count each green tree from one to five and back again? Don't forget to save one for Blue! Beep! Beep! With the gentle rhythm and signature illustration style that made Little Blue Truck a household name, Blue's new adventure is full of holiday warmth. Sturdy cardstock pages, a compact and child-friendly text, and flashing colored Christmas lights on the final page come together in a novelty gift book that's sure to be the favorite treat of the season.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The Making of Little Blue Truck's Christmas Illustrator Jill McElmurry gives us a behind-the-scenes look at the beginnings of our favorite truck's newest adventure

I scan my pencil sketches into Photoshop to play around with sizing and composition. When the sketch is done, I print it out and use tracing paper to transfer my sketch onto watercolor paper. An early sketch for the Toad's Trees scene. Toad runs a Christmas tree lot. Toad and Blue are good friends.

Here's a finished piece of art that wasn't quite right. I did the same piece again

adding more frosted shrubs and a cardinal. I liked it much better. I use the computer and Photoshop a lot for the early stages of development, but, the final art is done with gouache on watercolor paper.

PreSâ "Sturdy pages and a simple counting story build up to the grand finale. The text counts up to five and back down to one as Little Blue Truck delivers trees up and down the hills, through the snow to his animal friends. He keeps the last for himselfâ "and it lights up. The book will appeal to fans of the series, and it could also be a fun, if slight, addition to a baby/preschool holiday storytimes with the big payoff of the lit tree.â "Anne Connor, Los Angeles Public Library

â œLittle Blueâ ™s fans will enjoy the animal sounds and counting opportunities, but itâ ™s the sparkling lights on the truckâ ™s own tree that will put a twinkle in a toddlerâ ™s eyes.â •â "Kirkus

We love little blue truck and this christmas one is just great! Not sure if it's just s copy or a misprint in general but our book seems to be missing a page. It doesn't tell you what happens to tree #2. Still a great book tho.

Little Blue Truck's Christmas is an excellent book for any child on your list for the holiday season. It's a great Christmas book. Perfect for your son or daughter, grandchild, godchild, niece or nephew or any special child. I think of it as a great book, even for kids who love truck, especially kids who love trucks. I guarantee your kid will love this book. Perfect book for a child's 1st Christmas. I'm giving it to my little niece for her 1st Christmas this year. I know she'll love it. What I love about this book is Little Blue Truck picks up Christmas trees for it's friends. It delivers 4 trees to different animal family and Little Blue Truck keeps a tree for itself. It's a great Christmas book.

My son has and loves the other Little Blue Truck books. Although I was hesitant to purchase this one because it isn't a board book and my 2 year is still in the paper ripping phase. However, I came across this book in Target one day and to my surprise, the paper is extremely heavy cardstock! Huzzah! So, I ordered it off because of course it was cheaper, and my son loved it as well! The story follows Blue as he picks up 5 Christmas trees, all different somehow, to our friends from the previous books. Kids learn to count up to 5 and also learn big and small and short and tall. Kids also learn the value of giving and sharing something special with a friend. In the end, Blue and Toad have a tree that "glows" when you open the last page. My son did attempt still to tear open the

pages, but the book is durable enough that if it were a regular book I would have been too late. This one has crumples, but it's still intact and that proves this is 2 year old proof!

My kids love the Little Blue Truck books and thought this one was great, and absolutely love the last page that lights up. Unfortunately, it doesn't work sometimes. The book doesn't have as many words as the original Little Blue Truck book, which was kind of disappointing, and the pages are also thinner.

The little boy I nanny loves little blue so I bought this as a Christmas gift. It came in perfect condition. I don't feel the story is as well written as the other but I'm sure he will love it. I also love that at the end the lights on the Christmas tree light up. Only thing I'm not loving is that the pages are not as thick and sturdy as the others.

This is one of four Little Blue Truck books we have at home, and the story isn't as well written as Little Blue Truck, or Little Blue Truck Leads the Way, but the book proved a useful instructional tool when my son was learning to count. There are trees to count on most pages, but also birds, pigs, goats, etc. He was learning to count in June and July, so the content of the book wasn't seasonally appropriate, but he's enjoyed the book anyway. The friendship between Little Blue and the Big Green Toad in this book and the Little Blue Truck's Halloween is a nice touch. We've had this book for months, and he still loves the lights on the Christmas tree on the last page.

I like the book and the idea .. but story it's short and LED / battery section at the end for the " illuminated Christmas tree " it's pretty bulky, I would like to have more " story " and sure the sensor would not be light activated ( for the LED lights on the tree ) coz it would be better if you can see it with less light to more glazing effect ..

Review update 12/29/2014: My son received this book as a gift for Christmas and I read it to him the other night. Unfortunately this book isn't the same "board" book quality that the other two "Little Blue Truck" books are. The pages are heavy weight cardboard paper stock. It seems that the pages are glued or sewn together on all sides but the bottom. When I turn the pages there is a gap where the pages are not sewn/glued and I keep thinking that I am somehow turning more than one page and I end up attempting to separate the pages that are not sewn/glued together on the bottom. I am now realizing this is a bit hard to explain. My point is that the pages aren't the nice board book quality of

the previous two books and the pages in this book are actually a weird weight with weird glue not adhering the bottom of the pages together which causes me to attempt to separate them when I am turning the pages. It is annoying. The positive is that the story is a great one and the twinkling lights on the last page are really fun. I would still order this book, I would just be sure to be extra careful when turning the pages.-----PREVIOUS REVIEW BELOW-----I didn't realize that this book ended with beautiful twinkling lights on the last page. This is a great addition to our Little Blue Truck book collection. It appeared to me that the paper the pages were printed on for the Christmas book is not quite as thick as the paper that the board books are printed on. Regardless of the paper, I am very pleased with the book and I hope it becomes a holiday favorite for the little ones in my life.

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