



## ***A Bigger Digger - Brett Avison***

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A delightful book about dirt, diggers and discovery. Young Bryn and his dog Oscar are digging in a patch of earth on his mother's farm when: "Right there in the yard they struck something hard, as they dug down it kept getting bigger."

Bryn's mother inspects the partial view of the object and agrees that her son needs a bigger digger. The museum is called to help and soon the farmyard becomes an archaeological dig. As Bryn's discovery keeps getting bigger, a procession of bigger diggers rolls in. The fun rhyme keeps the story moving along at a smart pace.

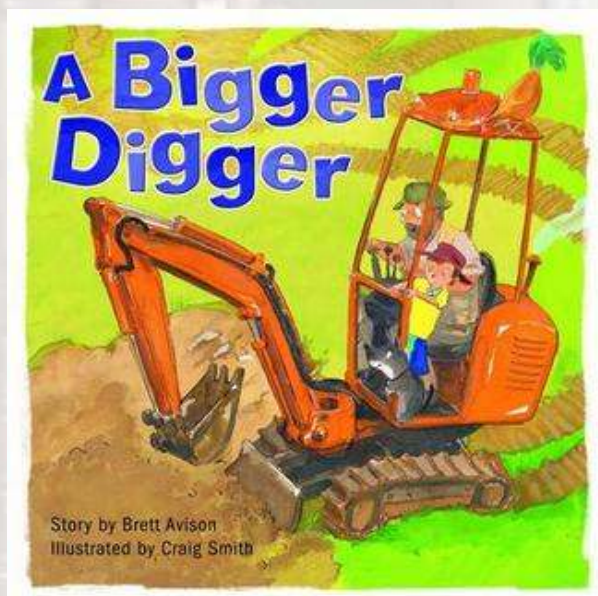
Well-known illustrator Craig Smith brings to life a boy and his dog doing what comes naturally - digging. The slightly ramshackle farm hints at all sorts of hidden treasures to be discovered.

Each page is a hive of activity as more characters join in the work. There's an array of work hats, bright vests, tattoos, machinery, and farm animals. Sharp, young eyes will enjoy exploring the detail.

Bryn's mother watches as her son becomes excited by the bigger diggers that scoop out mountains of earth. The scene is shown from a variety of viewpoints, aerial shots and close-ups of the growing pit. A big surprise pops out on the final page.

Digger-mad kids will love this quality hardback book.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.**



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