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The Little Yellow Digger TREASURY **by Betty and Alan Gilderdale**

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These much-loved children's classics have been released in one hard-cover edition.

Scholastic NZ's Limited Edition reprint of these five *Little Yellow Digger* tales will be a delight for young parents who remember these stories being read to them. Now a new generation of 2-6 year olds can enjoy this experience, and take pride in achieving the reading skill to read these to themselves.

Betty Gilderdale was on to a winner when she told her grandchildren about the little yellow digger on the next-door section. Her artist husband, Alan, took a little persuading, but his illustrations have stood the test of time as well as the story lines themselves.

The little yellow digger gets stuck in the mud. Another is sent, then a bigger one, until finally

*a bigger **bigger** digger
was brought up on a truck.
It was huge and it was heavy and
-you guessed it – it got **STUCK**.*

The following four stories involve the digger discovering a bone in a rock, (in fact many bones of a long-dead dinosaur, a Therapod), digging a pool for the hippos at a zoo, digging a swimming pool at a school, and digging a channel on a beach to help re-float a beached baby whale.

The illustrations (double-page, full colour) give the young reader plenty of action to enjoy.

Reviewed by Chris Wright

