

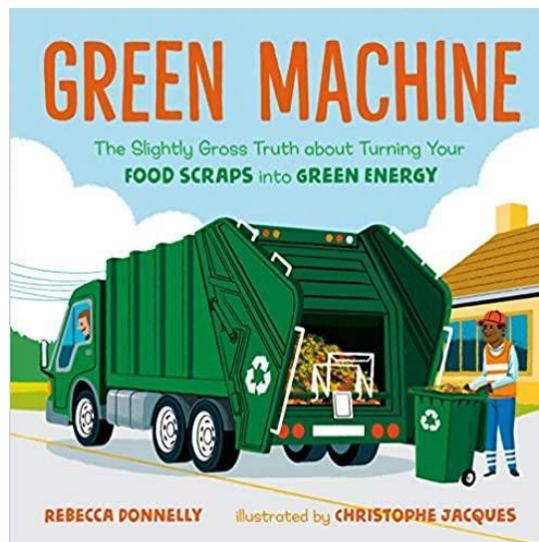
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Review of *Green Machine: The Slightly Gross Truth about Turning Your Food Scraps into Green Energy*
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Adult/Educator Reviewer: Angie Foster
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Student Reviewer: Daniel Foster, 4th Grade, 9 Years Old



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Adult Review: Angie Foster

Green Machine: The Slightly Gross Truth about Turning Your Food Scraps into Green Energy is a non-fiction book that follows the innovative path that turns food scraps into useful energy. The author simplifies the science and attempts to present the process in a way that young readers can understand and visualize their future role in the process. However, new vocabulary such as anaerobic digestion is introduced without explanation which may confuse many young children. The endnotes provide more detailed information for older readers or for those who would like a greater depth of information. Consider reading the endnote prior to the text to help with new vocabulary and overall comprehension. The text is rhythmic which makes some phrases a bit awkward.

This book would be especially appropriate to feature on Earth Day or while learning about the energy cycle. I feel that more supportive information and teaching would be necessary for most young children to understand the concept. It would appeal most to elementary school students with interest in science or conservation initiatives. The book was reviewed for personal interest and as adjunct teaching material for 4th and 5th grade students.

Student Review: Daniel Foster, 9 Years Old

This book is important because it tells us how to make energy from food scraps. I would recommend it to someone who is interested in science because they will learn more about science. Overall, it was OK but could have been more exciting.