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## The Little Yellow Crane

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Three cranes, Little Yellow, Little Red, and Little Blue, all have special arms that can extend and shorten to grab things while working.

On Monday, Little Yellow goes to transport bricks. But... how does it lift the bricks?

On Tuesday, Little Blue helps with lifting trees. But... how will its arm extend?

On Wednesday, Little Yellow goes to a construction site for a mission. But... how does it lift the rebar?

On Thursday, Little Red takes the worker to trim the street trees. But... how does it reach the tall trees?

On Friday, there's a fire in a building, and everyone goes to help. But... how do they rescue the people inside the building?

On Saturday and Sunday, where will the crane family go next? Come and see!

With magical design, the book offers a very fun reading experience. Flip the pages to make the crane's arms extend and shorten!



Author **Tseng-Chiao Hsu**

Tseng-Chiao Hsu graduated from National Taiwan University with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Her career includes roles as a research assistant, veterinarian, elementary school teacher, and full-time mother. She is now dedicated to creating picture books. Passionate about nature, small animals, and gourmet food, her works include *Mom! The Story of the Ecological Pond*, *The Mysterious Beetle*, *Taiwan Ecological Treasure Hunt*, *Wilderness Wanderings*, *Benjamin Makes Rice Balls*, *Climbing the Mountain with Dad*, *The Mouse at the Baseball Field* and *Gifts from the Forest*.

# Crane Personification! A Fun Interactive Book for Kids: A Review of *The Little Yellow Crane*

by Kuo Fu

Children are always thrilled by the topic of vehicles! But in this book, the spotlight isn't on ordinary cars—it's on construction vehicles with special missions. The story introduces three cranes—Little Yellow, Little Blue, and Little Red—each with unique abilities. These cranes can lift bricks or steel bars, hoist fallen trees, and transport workers in baskets for tasks like tree trimming. They even assist in fire emergencies, lifting rescue personnel to perform high-altitude rescues.

This book is also an interactive flip-book, featuring a clever “two-stage” page-turning design that highlights the cranes' ability to “extend” and “further extend” their arms. As children turn the pages in different directions (up, left, or right), they experience the crane's arm

extending and retracting. This innovative design creates a sense of amazement and makes page-turning an engaging, hands-on experience. By following along with the crane's movements, children naturally stretch out their hands to turn the pages, connecting the concept of “extension” to the illustrations and gaining a deeper understanding of how cranes work.

The author also weaves elements of daily life into the story, adding extra layers of fun for parents and children to enjoy together. The book introduces the concept of the “days of the week,” showing the cranes' work schedules: Monday through Friday are their busy workdays, while Saturday and Sunday are their well-earned rest days. On weekends, the crane family enjoys quality time together, illustrating the balance between

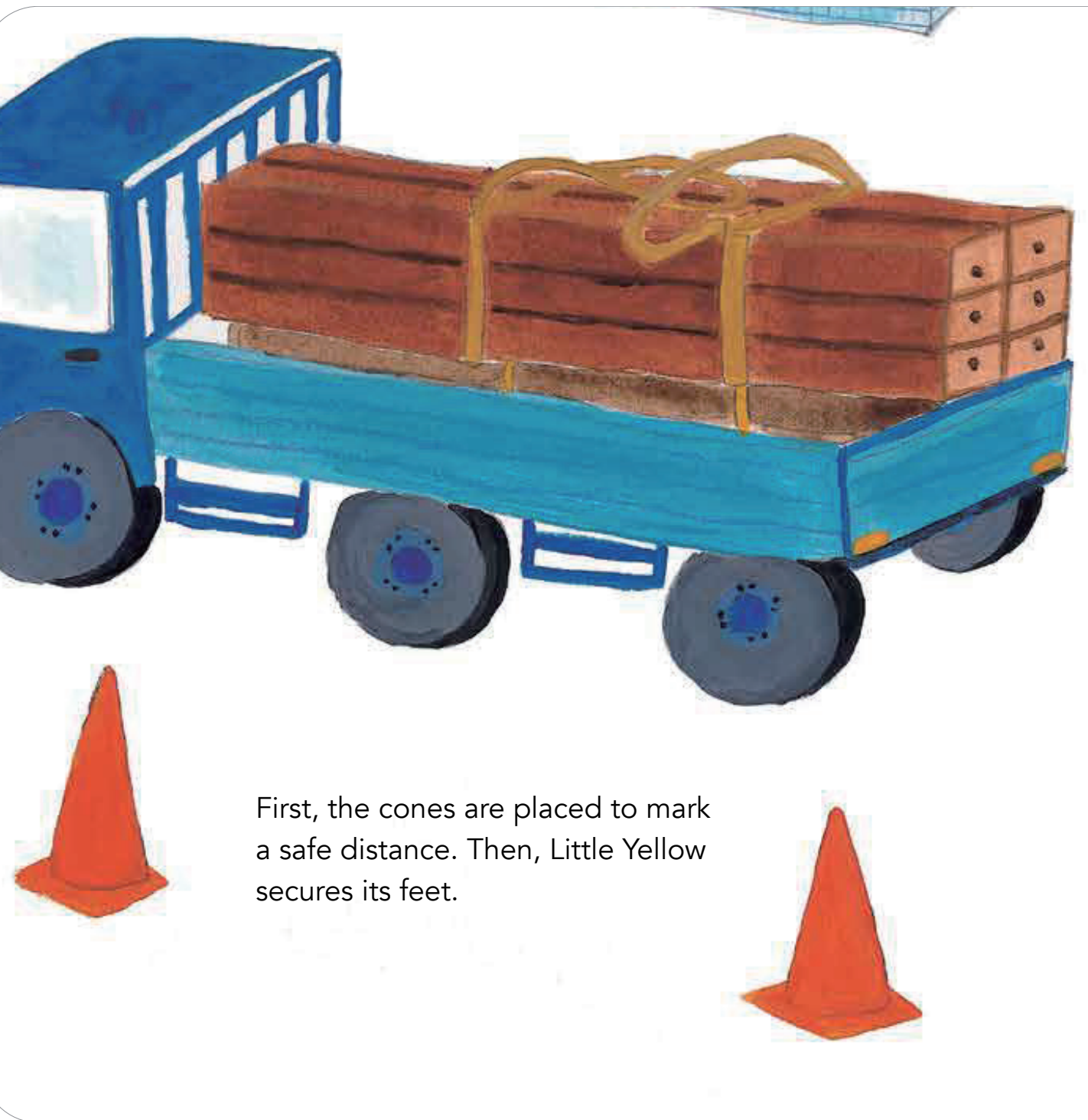
work and play.

The final page takes the story further, sparking the imagination and leaving readers with a warm and harmonious conclusion. This delightful book is not just about vehicles—it's about learning, interaction, and family, making it a joy for children and adults alike.

The story of *Little Yellow Crane* is not only a fun read but also a wonderful educational tool. The interactive elements of the book help children learn about the functions of cranes in an engaging, hands-on way. By associating the cranes' actions with the process of page-turning, children gain a better understanding of mechanical movements and cause-and-effect relationships in a playful context. The story's inclusion of daily routines provides children with insights into how cranes balance work and rest, offering a comprehensive and relatable portrayal of these hardworking machines.

In summary, *Little Yellow Crane* is a delightful and engaging picture book that blends educational content with interactive play. It introduces children to the fascinating world of construction vehicles while fostering an appreciation for the importance of balancing work and leisure. With its charming illustrations and innovative page designs, the book invites young readers to explore the world of cranes and, through their interactive experience, gain a deeper understanding of the mechanics and rhythms of everyday life.

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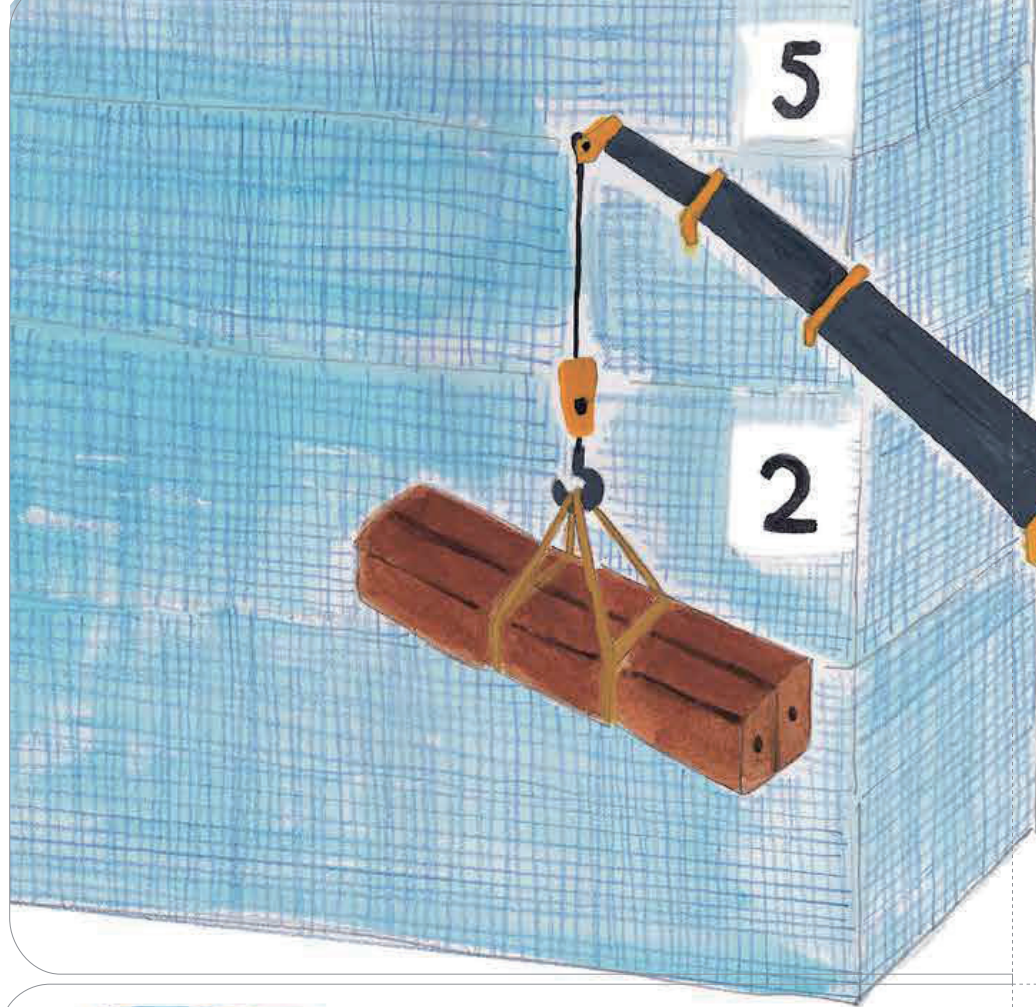
Its arm goes up and up.



First, the cones are placed to mark a safe distance. Then, Little Yellow secures its feet.







Wow! That's so high!  
It's lifted the steel beams.  
**Go for it!**



First, the cones are placed to mark  
a safe distance. Then, Little Yellow  
secures its feet.

