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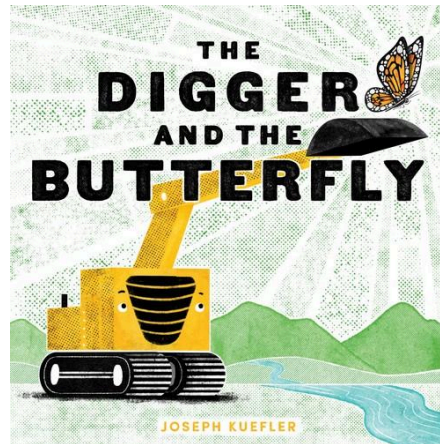
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Fiction

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Book Review: DIGGER AND THE BUTTERFLY, THE

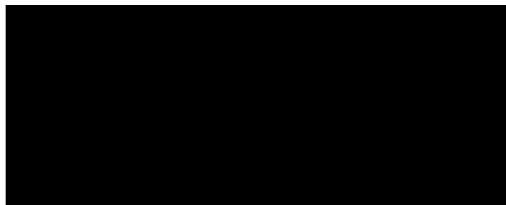
When we think of a caterpillar's helper, we probably do not envision a large piece of construction equipment. Digger (who is a machine that digs up dirt) and his friends discover a hungry caterpillar as they work at a construction site. They build a nice feast for their new friend before realizing they do not have time to take a longer break from their construction work. Caterpillar, however, climbs on Digger, stopping on his digging arm, and makes himself a cocoon. Everyone else works while Digger stays still off to the side to keep the cocoon safe until the caterpillar finally emerges as a butterfly. The other equipment follow the butterfly to a different part of the river to enjoy some fun with all their new friends.

The pages are filled with city views in full-page spreads, bringing the words to life. Each piece of construction equipment has a personality and a specific job, such as raising greenhouses in place, setting planter beds in place, and smoothing out the driveway. The pages are varied in style and layout. For example, as the caterpillar is building a cocoon, there are four panels on one page showing each stage with the explanation of what is happening. That design is mirrored when the caterpillar emerges from the cocoon towards the end of the story. The back matter includes a two-page spread showing the science behind the story, the life cycle of a butterfly, and how they need



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protection. This is a fun story and a unique take on a butterfly's life cycle.

