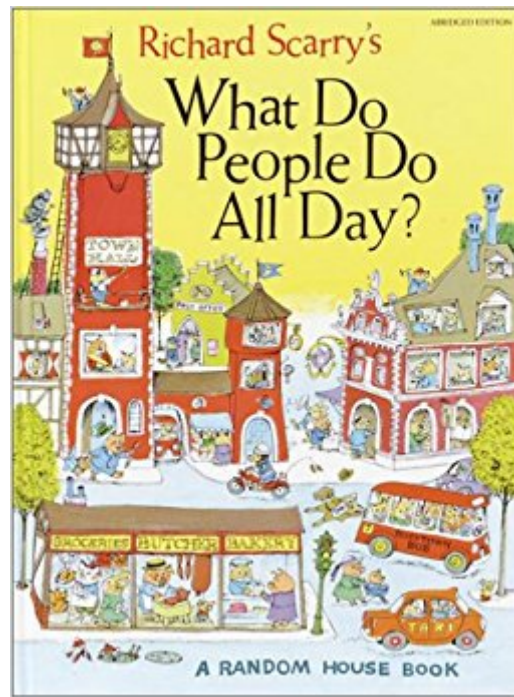


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# What Do People Do All Day?



## Synopsis

Illus. in full color. Shows and tells what busy people do every day to build houses, sail ships, fly planes, keep house, and grow food.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 64 pages

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; Abridged edition (March 12, 1968)

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Wish I could give this 10 stars. I discovered this book as a preschooler in 1968. My mom would take me to the local library every week. I checked it out from the library and I was hooked. I wanted to check it out at every visit, so my mom had the library order a copy for me. I remember even before I could read the words, I completely understood the story from the illustrations. I still have that original edition. It is tattered but still intact. I bought another copy this year for my preschool sons. They absolutely love it as well as the other Scarry book I had as a child, Busy Busy World. The newer book is the abridged edition. The abridged edition has 63 pages as compared to the ~95 pages in the original. They removed 4 stories from the original: busy (stay at home) mom, water treatment plants, electricity and how we get it, and Sgt. Murphy the Busytown policeman. Why? Somebody at the publisher must have had a lobotomy. Anyway, we keep the original up in a closet to read only with adult supervision. The new one is on the shelf, readily accessible to the kids. This book (even the abridged edition) is an absolute classic.

This really is an excellent book, but if your memories are of the complete 96 page edition, you may

be disappointed in this 64 page abridged version. Losing about 1/3 of the excellent stories is a bit sad. Huckle's plane trip for example is not present. What is left is really excellent, but what was cut was great too.

This book is incredible, hence the 5 stars, but I ABHOR the abridged version and long for the pieces that were cut. Why is this the only version being foisted 'pon us??

Why would you abridge Richard Scarry? I was shocked to find this book much thinner than the version I remember from childhood, and the writing has been "updated" as well. Really a shame, and a shabby way to treat a wonderful children's classic.

Warning, this is not the original book...and it suffers as a result. The "thought police" have removed the "offensive" sections. One was about a stay at home mom (clearly sexist), One was about a policeman arresting a gorilla (clearly racist), one was about a cat that barges into the cockpit of an airplane (terrorism!), and the other two were I believe about cotton manufacture and water treatment (possibly just too boring). If I were you, I would try to hunt down the original version, there is no replacement. I have the original, and my son's favorite part is looking at all the characters from the book on the inside covers, something that is also missing on this newer abridged version.

The New Ed is also abridged, even though it doesn't say so in the title. The abridged versions have 64 pages--the original version has 95 pages. If you are looking for the original version, check the page count before you order.

"What Do People Do All Day" is really a one-of-a-kind book. As a toddler and older child, I was enthralled by Scarry's colorful and highly detailed pictures and his fun characters, and I especially recall the sections on water treatment and electrical power generation. This book, unlike any other, certainly stimulated my early interest in a career. Speaking from experience, a kid can spend hours poring through this book, and he can remember details from it for years. Unfortunately, it seems that a few boneheads at the publisher don't share my exceptional feelings for the book and have abridged it, removing the two sections I have mentioned and more. Shame on them!

Set in Scarry's Busytown, this busy, colorful book is organized into eleven chapters that examine its citizens' jobs: Everyone is a worker; Building a new house; Mailing a letter; Firemen to the rescue; A

visit to the hospital; The train trip; The story of seeds and how they grow; Wood and how we use it; Building a new road; A voyage on a ship; and, Where bread comes from. Effective use of color and cross-sections can be confusing for very young kids, but is informative and enjoyable for the curious, and the funny pictures appeal to all. Also, everything is labelled, which is very nice for beginning readers.

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