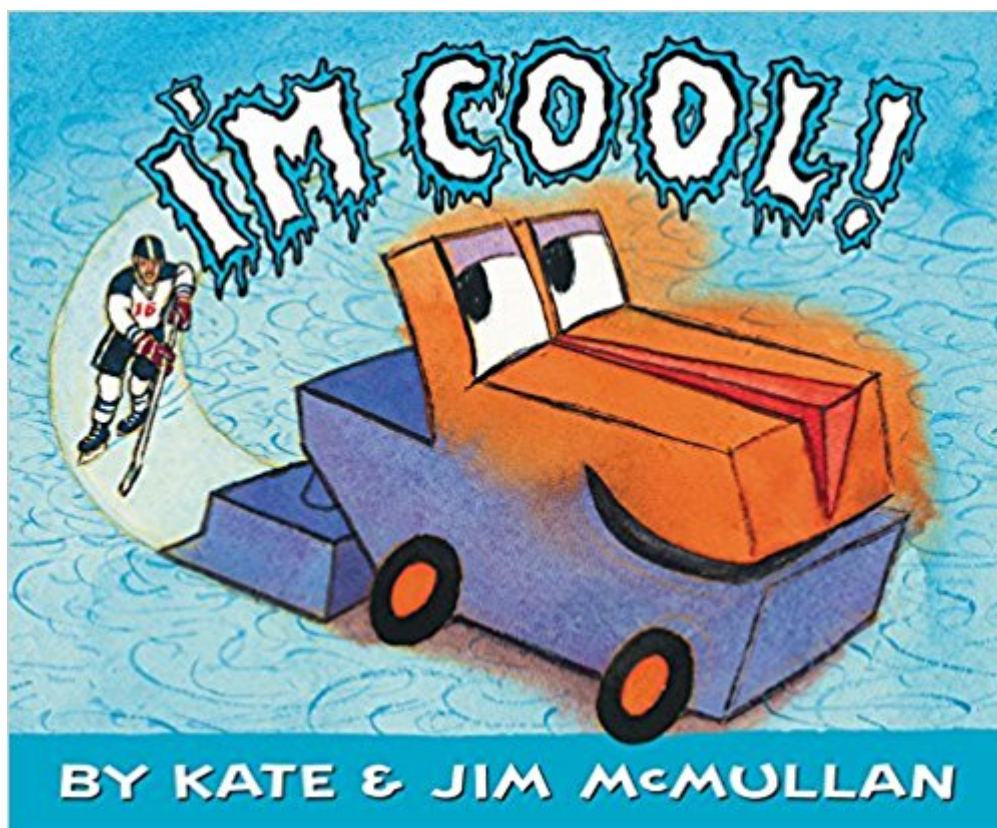


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# I'm Cool!



## Synopsis

For fans of all things snow and ice comes the latest addition to this hilarious read-aloud series from Kate and Jim McMullan, the popular creators of *I Stink!* and *I'm Dirty!*—now a streaming animated series. Perfect for any young hockey player, this book is all about the ice-cold Zamboni machine! When the ice is full of cuts and ruts, only one machine has the GUTS to clean it up. But can this slow-movin' ice fixer smooth the grooves before the next period? Or will he lose his COOL? The timer's ticking! BUZZZZZZ!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2—Our story begins with a sports commentator narrating a hockey game. A player trips on the rough ice, and a Zamboni has 18 minutes "to do his thing." Can he do it? Readers who've read any of the McMullans' odes to big rigs, like *I'm Mighty!* (2003) and *I Stink!* (2002, both HarperCollins), will already know the answer. Our hero takes the stage, stating, "Chill, Big Talker. I've got what it takes to go the job. 'Cause I'm a blade-packing, ice-shaving, snow-eating, water-spraying, slush-slurping, towel-dragging triple-tank truck. Yup." He smooths the ice, and the game continues. "Coolest job in the world, right here, baby." The colorful, grinning Zamboni is whimsical but also informative, as he boasts about the blade and augers that make the job possible. VERDICT The authors are clearly still having fun with this format, and their young fans will,

too. •Amelia Jenkins, Juneau Public Library, AK

“Staccato, clipped quickness and plenty of onomatopoeia—VZZZZZZZZZZT—make this a read-aloud success. Who knew ice could be this much fun? (Kirkus Reviews) “The colorful, grinning Zamboni is whimsical but also educational. (School Library Journal) “This book [is] as much fun to read aloud as it is to look at. (The Horn Book) “The droll, succinct text is well matched with the appealing watercolor-and-gouache artwork—the illustrations personify the machine while showing how it cleans up the rough ice and lays down a smooth surface. (Booklist) “Between sound effects, a cranky arena announcer, and the Zamboni’s wise-guy narration—read-aloud sessions should be as smooth as ice. (Publishers Weekly) Praise for I M BRAVE!: “This boisterous story pays homage to the importance of fire fighters—and their engines—while maintaining plenty of action and a sense of fun. (School Library Journal) Praise for I M BRAVE!: “Will satisfy young gearheads and future firefighters alike. (Publishers Weekly) Praise for I M BRAVE!: “For those kids who dream of the station, the fire pole and the calls, this will be an exciting ride. (Kirkus Reviews) Praise for I M BRAVE!: “Great fun for reading aloud. (Booklist) Praise for I M BAD!: “Vibrant artwork done in bold shades of green, orange, and violet equal the swaggering text in tone, energy, and humor. Whether devoured during a boisterous storytime or consumed independently, children will eat this one up. (School Library Journal (starred review)) Praise for I M BAD!: “The high-energy illustrations and macho narrator’s words create a rowdy, crowd-pleasing whole. Children will delight in the dinosaur’s wild expressions and the dynamic text, filled with comic-book sound effects. (Booklist) Praise for I M DIRTY!: “The short, choppy phrases, filled with sound, are just right for jolly, raucous read-alouds: “Ugh! Arrrrrrrgh! Mmmmmmmmmph! Tim-berrrrrrrr! (Booklist (starred review)) Praise for I M DIRTY!: “Full of kid appeal, this is sure to be a favorite with reluctant readers, those who revel in mud and all who love trucks. (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) Praise for I M DIRTY!: “Energetic illustrations capture the mucky goings on with a large dollop of humor—abundant sound effects make this a high spirited read-aloud. (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) Praise for I M DIRTY!: “With its saucy tone and dynamic color cartoon illustrations, this picture book exudes energy. (School Library Journal (starred review)) Praise for I STINK!: “It will easily become a favorite of younger readers—

(New York Times Book Review) Praise for I STINK!: "A hilarious homage to an unsung hero." (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) Praise for I'M MIGHTY!: "Young Swabbies will be delighted." (Kirkus Reviews) Praise for I'M MIGHTY!: "Kids will happily climb aboard." (Publishers Weekly)

As a children's librarian, I know how popular these authors previous books in this series have been with preschoolers. I Stink was about a garbage truck, and I'm Dirty was told from the point of view of a construction vehicle. This time in I'm Cool, we hear from a Zamboni. The hockey game is not going well because the ice is in terrible shape. The players are tripping over the ruts. Finally, the period ends and the Zamboni comes out on the rink to fix the ice. The PA announcer doubts that the Zamboni has no doubts. He explains to the reader/listener how he gets the job done. There is just enough information to explain how a Zamboni works, without going over the head of a young child. The illustrations are bright and bold. I have no doubt this picture book will be as popular as it's predecessors. I'm hoping that --like the other books in this series--Scholastic/Weston Woods will bring this book to DVD. Highly recommend, especially for boys who like hockey or trucks.

Kate is one of our favorite authors. This is the 3rd book we have in this series.

Kate has done it again...another wonderful "I'M....." book. St. Louis is a hockey...O.K. - baseball as well...town and this book is a fun bedtime read for the youngest hockey players...both boys and girls!! Way to go Kate and Jim!!

It's a great book for little kids to learn what the Zamboni does. My son's family enjoys watching hockey. My grandson is drawn to sports so enjoys the book. Buy it!

My son is obsessed with Zamboni's and it's one of his favorite books. Very cute story especially for kids that like hockey and Zambonis

My boys (2 and 4) love all the books in this collection. As hockey fans, this one is even more exciting for them. They are fun for the kids and also fun to read!

Great book for this series. My son loves McMullan's books and yours will to.

Love the option to buy used!

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