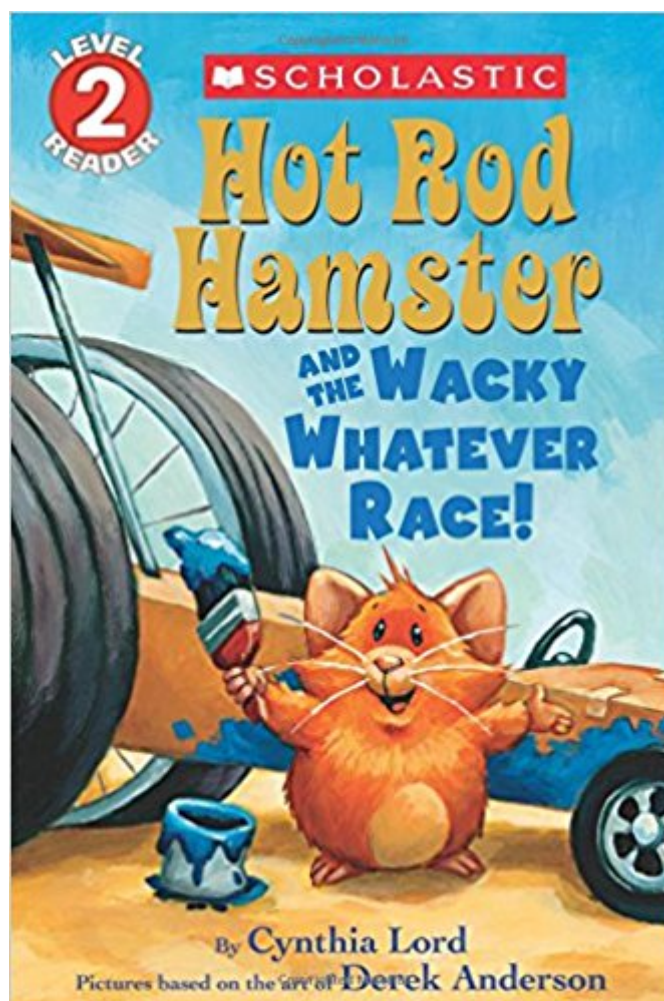


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# Hot Rod Hamster And The Wacky Whatever Race! (Scholastic Readers)



## Synopsis

A new early reader series from dynamic duo, Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord and NEW YORK TIMES bestselling illustrator Derek Anderson, featuring Hot Rod Hamster! Hot Rod Hamster LOVES to drive superfast. And today he's building a box car from scratch to race downhill in the Wacky Whatever Race. He needs to pick out a box, wheels, and a paint color for his car. Can you help him? With the same bouncing rhythms, fun choice rhymes, and daredevil antics that made the picture books so popular, this original Level 2 reader will be a sturdy stepping-stone for Hot Rod Hamster fans as well as series newcomers as they move on to independent reading. The years Ms. Lord spent as a first-grade teacher have given her the perfect sense for what language and storylines work best for emerging readers. This new adventure skillfully emphasizes word families and rhyming structures with pedal-to-the-metal flare! Little boys and girls will race to collect this latest story from their favorite furry friend. Hop into the early-reading driver's seat and join Hot Rod Hamster and his buddies for a fun-filled race day with a thrilling surprise at the finish line!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

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YearA Parents' Choice Award Recommended TitleA Wyoming Buckaroo Award WinnerA Children's Choice Book Award FinalistA Buckeye Children's Book Award Nominee (Ohio)A Colorado Children's Book Award NomineeA Goldfinch Award Nominee (Iowa)A Magnolia Award Nominee (Mississippi)"Junior racing fans will get a vicarious thrill with this story of a tiny driver who dares to burn rubber with the big boys. . . . Anderson's acrylics are boisterously large, colorful, and off-kilter--just like his swaggering protagonist."--BOOKLIST"Newbery Honor author Lord's picture-book debut is a rollicking, roaring read. . . . Anderson's fluffy, jaunty illustrations are as full of energy as the rhymes. Young car enthusiasts won't be the only ones enamored of this hot-rodding rodent and his big canine buddy."--KIRKUS REVIEWSPraise for HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAMSTER:A Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year"Loud, exaggerated acrylics burst off the pages, and the plump, cuddly characters look like stuffed animals come to life. Children will enjoy the opportunity to participate and make choices throughout the book leading up to Hamster's surprise party."--SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Cynthia Lord is the award-winning author of RULES, a Newbery Honor and Schneider Family Book Award winner, as well as the critically acclaimed HALF A CHANCE and TOUCH BLUE. She made her picture book debut with HOT ROD HAMSTER, which won several awards including the Parents' Choice Award, and followed it with the beloved sequel HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAMSTER. She lives in Maine with her family. Visit her at [www.cynthialord.com](http://www.cynthialord.com). Derek Anderson is the NEW YORK TIMES bestselling illustrator of the Little Quack series by Lauren Thompson as well as HOT ROD HAMSTER and HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAMSTER by Cynthia Lord. His original picture book, STORY COUNTY: HERE WE COME!, published in January 2011, was also very well-received. He writes and paints in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Visit him at [www.DerekAnderson.net](http://www.DerekAnderson.net).

BEST book series for kids who love cars (anything with wheels)! My 5 year old was jumping for joy when he got three of these books for birthday. We adults love them too. The stories are great, the rhymes are great, the illustrations are amazing, the characters are very cute and lively! Hamster and his best friend HUGE DOG? How can you not want to follow their adventures? We talk and discuss the story, the boy asks the questions about cars and engines in general.

We love this series, and it came quick.

This is our 2nd Hot Rod Hamster and we love them. This book is smaller in size, which is nice, it

travels better. It has great rhythm and my son loves to read it over & over.

My grandson has all Cynthia Lord's books about the Hot Rod Hamster.....loves to read them over and over.

Our grandchildren love this story!!!

Great book for all ages!

Cute, but not as much fun as the other hamster adventures !

Don't be fooled by this book! If you like the illustrations of Derek Anderson, you are out of luck with this book. Only the front cover is Derek Anderson's illustration. The illustrations of the story are by Greg Paprocki and even though the book says the illustrations are based on the art of Derek Anderson, I knew immediately they were not his work, even before I saw the different names listed. I don't know why another illustrator did the inside pictures, but I was very disappointed!

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