

For a two year old, he sure knows a lot about everything

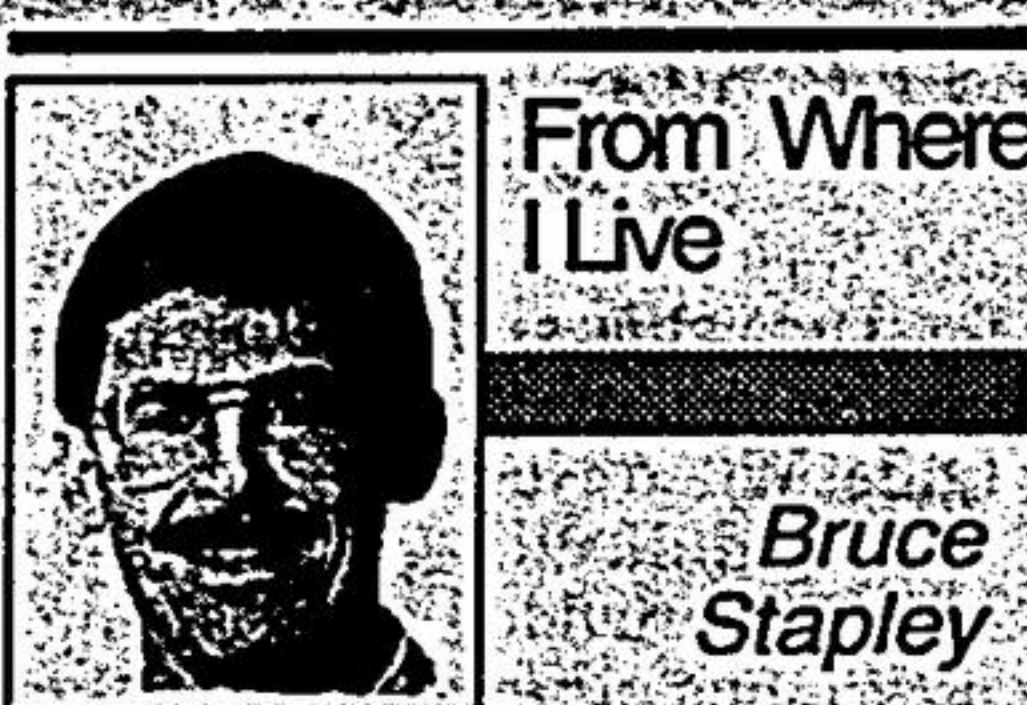
Nobody likes it when someone else plays the know-it-all. But when that someone is a two-year-old with a penchant for precision, a memory like a trap door, and a literal understanding of the English language, it takes some of the sting out of being shown up.

Our son Drew is such an individual. He has the town garbage schedule down to the minute, his anxiety level rising steadily when the familiar brown and yellow refuse truck occasionally fails to chug up to the front of the house at its usual time on Wednesday mornings.

Leave your socks lying around the bedroom floor and he's sure to bring the misdemeanor to your attention. He

simply shakes his head and closes the door upon gazing into the abyss of disheveled laundry, strewn make-up and scattered CDs which invariably characterize his 16-year-old sister's room.

With a mother who is a teacher, it's not surprising that Drew has already been exposed to a veritable plethora of books thus far in his short life. His favorite is a little tome



by the name of *Diggers and Dump Trucks*. While lacking a gripping plot line, this educational offering includes pictures of all the major construction vehicles, complete with labels of their key components. He's consigned it all to memory. Every day after being picked up from his caregiver, he insists upon being taken for a walk to make sure Merv He's big dump truck is safely tucked away in the drive a few streets over. Then it's off to the corner gas station to inspect the seven school buses, two oil trucks and other assorted work vehicles parked for the night.

So it came as no surprise that Drew was out there playing foreman when the machine arrived to dig out the foundation for the next-door neighbor's addition one recent morning. Trying to take advantage of this real life moment to show Drew an example of his beloved diggers in action, I pointed to the rig as it drove off the trailer and onto the job site. "Look Drew, it's a back hoe," I said in that excited voice parents use when they are attempting to seize the moment to advance their little one's ongoing life education. "No, Daddy," the little sucker shot back, raising up his hand and pointing his forefinger in correction mode in the direction of the machine. "That's an excavator!" I told him to finish his breakfast.

Last weekend after seeing the neighbor's kid's array of seasonal toys in the yard, we decided we should buy Drew a few similar items to play with. We went out and got him a plastic golf set and when we proceeded to enlighten him as to the names of the three clubs that were included, a puzzled countenance took over his face. He was okay with the putter and the driver, but the iron just didn't compute. "If that's a driver, then that other one must be the passenger," he reasoned.

Little Mr. Literal is forever setting us straight when he thinks we are playing head games with him. During a recent order-giving spree in which he tried to redefine the family pecking order, he was told by his mother that he was bossy. "I'm not bossy, I'm Drew," he snapped right back.

But the hardest thing to take is when he catches you up on a matter of simple manners. The other day when I suggested to another family member in jest that they cease talking with due haste, the little fellow was quick to pounce. "Don't say shut up Daddy!" he scolded. "Where did I lose control?"

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5. French Kiss	***	PG-13	Rom/Com	Mild	Some	Some
6. A Little Princess (new)	***	G	Family	Mild	None	None
7. Friday	**	R	Drama	Much	Lots	Mild
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Ancient storyteller</p> <p>6 Minded</p> <p>11 Cut off</p> <p>17 Bird's wattle</p> <p>19 Dissolved substance</p> <p>20 Waiting</p> <p>21 Parisian church</p> <p>22 Drifts</p> <p>23 Frisked</p> <p>24 Michigan monoliths</p> <p>26 Model Cheryl</p> <p>28 Cosmo, e.g.</p> <p>29 Chemical suffix</p> <p>30 Zoomed</p> <p>31 Cleverness</p> <p>32 Hide-and-seek spot</p> <p>33 "West Side Story" group</p> <p>34 Ohio noggins</p> <p>37 Piano practice</p> <p>39 Sailor's reply</p> <p>40 "Laughing Cavalier" painter</p> <p>41 Nine, in combinations</p> <p>42 A whole lot</p> <p>43 Complications</p> <p>45 Kind of service</p> <p>46 Calls the shots</p> <p>49 "— longa, vita brevis"</p>	<p>50 Colorado bylaw</p> <p>53 Cheer leader?</p> <p>54 Declined</p> <p>57 In the raw</p> <p>58 Fleeced</p> <p>59 Palindromic singer</p> <p>60 Lift elevator</p> <p>61 Start of a Shakespeare title</p> <p>62 Calendar col.</p> <p>63 Miracles "Going to a —"</p> <p>64 Wright wing?</p> <p>65 Less up-to-date</p> <p>67 Lodgings</p> <p>68 "Radio Days" director</p> <p>69 Animation frame</p> <p>70 Alabama residence</p> <p>72 It's past due</p> <p>73 Colorful shells</p> <p>75 Opening notes</p> <p>76 Made still</p> <p>80 "— chance!"</p> <p>81 Ballerina Shearer</p> <p>83 Mystique</p> <p>84 All — sudden</p> <p>85 Señor Cervantes</p> <p>87 California chap</p> <p>89 Mr. Pecksniff of "Martin Chuzzlewit"</p> <p>90 Tech. school</p> <p>91 Get better</p> <p>92 Actress Vima</p>	<p>93 N.C.A.A. tourn. nail-biters</p> <p>94 Make fun of</p> <p>95 Hoyle subject</p> <p>97 Pennsylvania expanse</p> <p>101 Cochise's cohorts</p> <p>103 God of the Nile</p> <p>105 Red heart, sometimes</p> <p>106 Gofers</p> <p>107 Eat one's words</p> <p>108 Stew ingredients</p> <p>109 Without end, to poets</p> <p>110 Union member</p> <p>111 Honkers</p>	<p>19 Attacks</p> <p>20 Summer treats</p> <p>25 Linen fabric</p> <p>27 Bird-plane link</p> <p>31 Go off</p> <p>32 Scourge</p> <p>33 More than jiggle</p> <p>35 Blues street</p> <p>36 Home of Phillips University</p> <p>37 Country crossings</p> <p>38 Cut away the center of</p> <p>40 Like #4 pencils</p> <p>44 Chinese weight</p> <p>45 Tidbit</p> <p>46 Fists</p> <p>47 Hint</p> <p>48 Fishing lure</p> <p>50 Soprano Amelita — Curci</p> <p>51 Guess Who hit of 1970</p> <p>52 Compact material</p> <p>54 Pilot's option</p> <p>55 Plantation worker</p> <p>56 Montana entranceway</p> <p>57 Squeals</p> <p>61 Unkeyed, musically</p> <p>63 Jollity</p> <p>65 Walloped</p> <p>66 Phone feature</p> <p>67 Kerchief for protecting straightened hair</p> <p>68 What the fat lady sings?</p>	<p>71 Middle of a wheel, often</p> <p>72 Become</p> <p>74 Praise</p> <p>76 Resembling</p> <p>77 Directly competitive</p> <p>78 Not long after, in olden times</p> <p>79 Morse T</p> <p>81 Country singer Bandy et al.</p> <p>82 Figures of speech?</p> <p>83 In</p> <p>85 Pool that isn't</p> <p>86 Sulky</p> <p>88 "The Graduate" character</p> <p>89 Military movement</p> <p>91 Unwelcome greeting</p> <p>95 Timely question</p> <p>96 "Take this"</p> <p>97 Costa</p> <p>98 "Hoc — in votis" ("This was among my wishes") Horace</p> <p>99 Problem group</p> <p>100 Jazz pianist Allison</p> <p>102 Midpoint: Abbr.</p> <p>104 Salon offering</p>
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