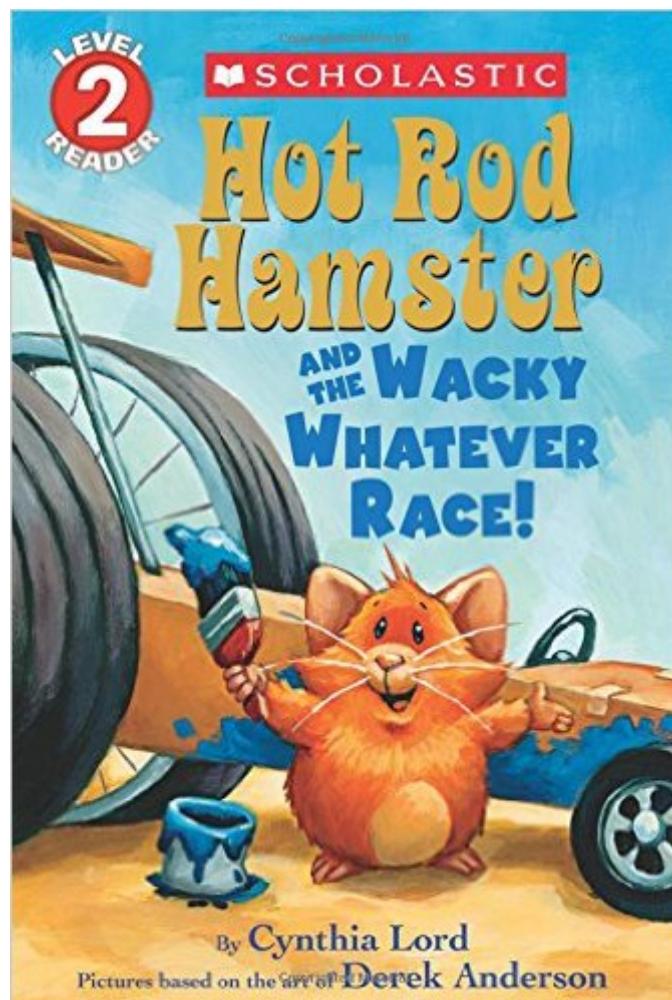


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# Hot Rod Hamster And The Wacky Whatever Race! (Scholastic Readers)



## **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**

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.

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!

Hot Rod Hamster is racing again in this Level 2 reader. The contest requires entrants to build their own racer, made from a box, with no motors allowed. Hot Rod Hamster is in the lead! Oh, no! He didn't get a big enough push! He's going too slow to win! What can Hot Rod Hamster do? There's a clever ending that kids ages 4-7 will love. Derek Anderson created the original Hot Rod Hamster book illustrations. The illustrations in this book were recreated digitally by Greg Paprocki, and are probably as faithful to the original as he could get digitally. In reference to another question about why a different artist, it is possible that it is much cheaper to pay an artist to do a digital recreation than to pay for paint-and-paper art. For more original Derek Anderson, see Hot Rod Hamster: Monster Truck Mania.

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.

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

We love this series, and it came quick.

Our grandchildren love this story!!!

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