

The Stuck Truck (Book Jacket)

This is a story about two truck drivers, Sal and Vince, and what happens on their drive from Washington state to southern California, through the voices of the characters themselves.

There is a great deal of dialog in this novel, and in an effort to make the character's voices authentic (real), many of the words that normally have an **-ing** ending will appear as **-in'**. Here's an example:

“I was **drivin'** another load last night **'fore** I got here.”

The formal way for the character to speak this phrase would have been,

“I was **driving** another load last night **before** I got here.”

There are many technical elements involved in the profession of truck driving. Alma Ileana Acosta, a professional driver, served as a consultant for this book to ensure accuracy. I owe a great debt of gratitude to her for her help with this story.

The intended audience for this story is readers age 10 to adult. Because this story was written with younger readers in mind, and students whose first language is not English, footnotes, like the one below, are included for new or challenging vocabulary.

“Uh-uh,” Vince listened to Sal over the hum of the engine and the occasional squeak of the suspension springs compressing beneath the **laden**¹ trailer.

The chapters of the book vary in length. Here are the number of pages for each chapter:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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The total length of the book is 63 pages.

I hope you enjoy this book and share it with others who you think may like it as well.

Sincerely,

Henry Anker

¹ **laden** means heavily loaded or weighed down