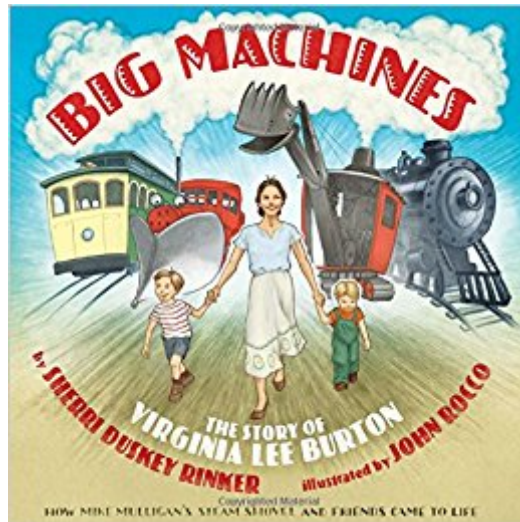


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# Big Machines: The Story Of Virginia Lee Burton



## Synopsis

In this loving tribute to Virginia Lee Burton, the New York Times best-selling creators Sherri Duskey Rinker and John Rocco pay homage to the storied life of one of the most beloved creators in children's literature. Everyone in Folly Cove knows Virginia Lee as "Jinnee." With her magical wands she can draw whatever she imagines, but for her sons Aris and Michael, she draws the most wonderful characters of all: BIG MACHINES with friendly names like Mary Anne, Maybelle, and Katy. Her marvelous magical wands can make anything move—even a cheerful Little House.

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## Customer Reviews

"The beautiful symbiosis of text and art works on several levels—as a biography, a study of the artist's creative process, and a demonstration of the themes of change and survival evident in Burton's picture books. Alive, bursting with color and action, this volume introduces Virginia Lee Burton to a new generation of big machine enthusiasts." —Kirkus, starred review | ". . . [E]nchanting portrayal of Virginia Lee Burton . . . Prime material for classroom author studies and a lively, imaginative introduction to Burton's classic picture books." —Booklist, starred review "Burton's fans will enjoy teasing out the visual references to her work, both in Rocco's use of color and form (including several circular

vignettes), while feeling intimately connected to how these treasured stories came into being." *Publishers Weekly* "Anyone even passingly familiar with the Burton canon will appreciate Rocco's close emulation of Burton's work; he goes a step further, though, by casting Jinnee and the boys as players in a story done in her visual style." *Bulletin*

Sherri lives in the Chicago area with her photographer husband and two sons, where she loves to cook, garden, and collect old oil paintings. Her books are love stories for her children, written to wrangle some smiles and with the hopes of happier bedtimes and sweet dreams for all. She is the #1 bestselling author of *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* and *Steam Train, Dream Train*. Visit [sherririnker.com](http://sherririnker.com) John Rocco is a New York Times Bestselling author and illustrator of many acclaimed books for children, including *A Wolf! Wolf!*, winner of the Borders Original Voices Award for best picture book; *A Moonpowder*; *A Blizzard*, and *A Blackout*, a winner of the Caldecott Honor. Rocco also illustrated *A Whoopi Goldberg's Alice* and the covers for *A Rick Riordan's internationally bestselling series Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, *A The Kane Chronicles*, *The Heroes of Olympus* and *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard*. He also was the illustrator for both #1 New York Times Bestsellers *A Percy Jackson's Greek Gods* and *A Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes*. Most recently, Rocco's his first Young Adult novel, *A Swim That Rock*, was a finalist for the New England Book Award. <http://roccoart.com/index.html>

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