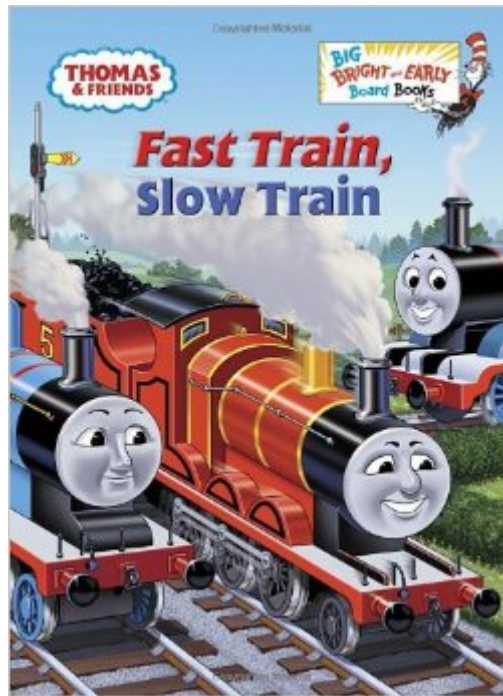


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Fast Train, Slow Train (Thomas & Friends) (Big Bright & Early Board Book)



Synopsis

The newest Bright and Early Board Book featuring Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends, this sturdy book features a simple train adventure about opposites to share with boys and girls ages 0 to 3.

Book Information

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Board book: 24 pages

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

My son likes this book because it has the Thomas trains in it. He's only 2.5 though so I'm not certain he grasps the concept of vanity that this book tries to teach. I'm sure he'll grow into it, and for the moment he enjoys memorizing it. But he always gets a little sad look on his face at the end because James loses the race and Edward wins (this is like a Thomas take on the Tortoise and the Hare story). I explain to him why James is sad, but that doesn't seem to help much. Nevertheless he does enjoy the book and I'm sure he'll get the concept eventually.
UPDATE: One year later, I am upgrading this review to 5 stars because it is his favorite book, and he has had it memorized for months. Compared to the other Thomas beginner books, this one is the best in our opinion.
Rhythmic, rhyming and while my son doesn't quite yet grasp the concept of vanity, he still thoroughly enjoys this. We read it almost every night at bed time.
UPDATE AGAIN: Two years later! This book is still a total winner. My eldest son (5) now understands "vanity." He totally gets this book, and it is the favorite Thomas book of my 3 year old son. I think they just like reading about trains going fast and the rhyming of this book. This is definitely the best of the Thomas Early Reader

books. Second best: Go Train Go.

Honestly, these trains freak me out. Are they alive? Do people know they have feelings? Do they feel pain? Where are their ears? They had to be assembled at some point, is there a warehouse full of replacement faces? Is there a brain behind the face? If not, if you switched just the face from Gordon to Percy, would they just wake up in the other body? Do they have any other human anatomy? They get their power from steam, yet they need to sleep - if their fire goes out do they die? If they go and do whatever the heck they want, why are there conductors and engineers? Why does Sodor have such a huge transit system and 10 residents and only cottage industry? Do wheelchairs and hospital gurneys have faces on Sodor? Most importantly, why does Topham Hatt still assign Thomas important tasks when, to my knowledge, he has never completed even one simple task, and frankly has put the lives of every living thing in danger at some point. This is some strange stuff, people.

This is a really good book as far as rhyming Thomas board books. It tells a story and has a lesson to learn, that might be a little over the heads of young kids, but is still enjoyable for them nonetheless. My 15 month old LOVES this book and chooses it to read often. Obviously I add tons of train noises in. I'm getting so good at my chugging and chuffing noises. I might put it on my résumé. Anyway, our baby loves the book and that's all we really care about!

This is a fun book for toddlers, with nice rhyme and an emphasis on being kind. It is a little heavy-handed with the moral of the story (the last line being "Vanity won him second place"), but otherwise has fun light rhymes which my 2 year old enjoys. He has even started making little rhymes based off the book. One day a few months ago, our not terribly verbal little guy spouted off: Daddy! Daddy! Go! Go! Go! Daddy! Daddy! Oh, so slow! His dad and I were a bit shocked, and had no idea where that had come from, until the next day when we were reading the book and recognized the rhyme. It was especially surprising because we hadn't read that book in about a week, so it must have just really stuck with him.

I rated it one star because the blurb says its for teaching opposites, which is what I wanted it for. Other than the title it has nothing to do with opposites and is useless to teach this skill. I think I will return it.

Though my son is extremely fond of Thomas the Train, I actually enjoyed this book. It is a newer spin on the old Tortoise and the Hare; however, the characters are James and Edward. Though one thinks he is so much faster, he neglects those who need him most and it is his vanity that allows the other train to win.

My 2 year old son is all about anything Thomas. I bought this book to go along with all his others. Some of the words are for older children I think but he likes the book and that's all that matters.

This book is an easy read, and my just-turned-two-year-olds love it! The text is very rhythmic and it's written with lots of rhyming. The pictures are bright and colorful and my twins are continually captivated by this book. Even though I've read it to them over and over, I don't mind reading it because it reads so smoothly. We recommend this book, especially to avid Thomas fans!

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