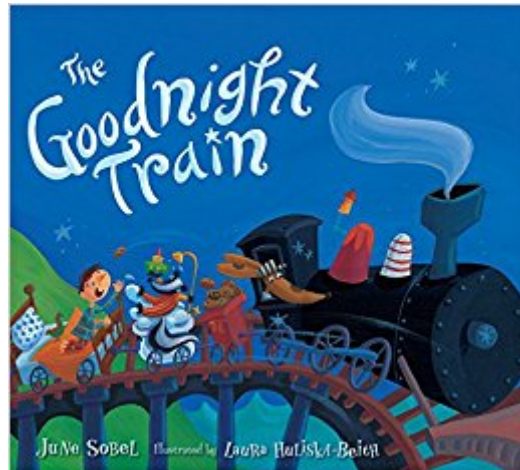




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The Goodnight Train



Synopsis

All aboard for Dreamland! Hold on to your pillow because the Goodnight Train is taking off. Roll that corner, rock that curve, and soar past mermaids, leaping sheep, and even ice-cream clouds. You won't want to miss a thing, so whatever you do, don't . . . close . . . your . . . eyes! With soothing, lyrical words and magical illustrations, June Sobel and Laura Huliska-Beith have created a nighttime fantasy that's guaranteed to make even the most resistant sleeper snuggle up tight.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-K This bedtime story is likely to strike a chord with young listeners. A gentle, rhyming text intersperses train noises with a getting-ready-for-bed routine with a railroad-inspired theme. Brightly colored cartoon illustrations picture children in their beds being pulled along by the engine. They ride through tunnels, over bridges, and past fields of sheep. The words flow fairly well, with only a few minor skips, and the sounds mixed with bedtime sounds (Rock-a, rock-a, rock-a, rock-a Shhhhhhhhhhh! Shhhhhhhhhhh!) will delight youngsters and have them chiming in. The acrylic-and-collage artwork curves around the spreads and encourages page turns. Clever backgrounds, including a sign that declares, Dreamland 20 winks ahead, ensure that there is plenty to look at, and the journey ends effectively with the children asleep and the words, Good night,

train./Good night. Libraries in need of more train or bedtime books will find this a useful and enjoyable addition. --Amy Lilien-Harper, The Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Just got this book and started reading it to my little one for bedtime and it was a direct hit! My daughter loves trains so she gets a kick out of the rhyming that sounds like train sounds. We've already read it two nights in a row and it's just the right length to keep her focused and get her tired and ready for night-night. I may plan to read it three nights in a row. The only thing I would have preferred is that one of the pages does not have anything to read. Just graphics and a few words that you can tell is not part of the story, so I'm forced to kind of make up a part of the story once I get there. She doesn't mind or seem to notice mom's awkward attempt at impromptu writing.

One of a few books that both my daughter (18 month old) and I equally love... and one that can be read night after night after night... literally! Additionally, I love the way the writing seems to lull you to sleep as you read. One of our top 3 books at bedtime.

When a writer truly loves children, and writes for them rather than the "critics," it shows. This is one of those truly lovely books for children to read, and one with a fairly wide age range. I'd think that even seven-year-olds would continue to enjoy this book, although it is aimed at the very young to, most likely, five-year-olds. I purchased the book as a kindle to see if it would be worth purchasing for the grandchildren and find that it is more than worth the price. This has moved onto the "favorite children's books" list. And this book also shows how wonderful it is that the "traditional" publishers, endlessly maligned for too many reasons to list, continue to support authors, and publish books that require more than the "write your book in 24-hours crowd" would put out. Just a wonderful book that enough good things can't be said of. Highly recommend its purchase.

My two year old's favorite new book. We have to read this every night. Pro Tip: make the train noises and movements with your child on your lap for an experience better than virtual reality. Good colors, good art. A few weak pages, but overall solid. The train winds up fast, then slows down and goes to bed at the end. I read this book last and by the last page I am whispering and we say good night to the train, then it's bedtime. Works great.

Have a child who likes trains? This is a must for your bookshelf. It's a fun story, but great that the train slows down as it gets closer to the station. The illustrations can be a bit busy, especially if you're trying to get someone wound down. And reading it in dim light? Good luck! But it's a fun bedtime story for your little train lover!

I definitely didn't care for this book. Neither did my toddler, who is obsessed with trains. It's not very catchy and I don't like the illustrations. We have another train book called Chugga-Chugga Choo Choo that my son absolutely adores and I enjoy reading it to him a lot. It's also a goodnight book. I don't recommend this one.

I usually have to slowly introduce new books to my (18 mo) son before he decides he wants me to read the whole thing (I'll get through a page or two and then he's asking for the next one). Not this book - first night we read it he wanted me to read it twice! We read it last every night and he's always engaged - the pictures are interesting and playful, the cadence of the story is perfectly tuned to sound like a train going slowly, then fast, then slowly again and tired back into the station...and my son is tired at that point, too. It works!

This is a well illustrated and the rhyming is story is short and sweet. The book is well made and my 2.5 yr old loves it. He loves his trains right now and when he's done with it I hope to pass it along to another little boy or girl who also loves trains as much!

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