

Train Books for Kids

Picture Books:

Thomas the Tank Engine books by W. Awdry
E Awdry

Trains by Byron Barton
Passenger trains and electric trains. Here come the trains. All aboard!
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And the Train Goes... by William Bee
As assorted passengers comment on their train ride, and the train itself goes "Clickerty click, clickerty clack," the station parrot is carefully listening to every sound.
E Bee

Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown
Two little trains, one streamlined, the other old-fashioned, puff, puff, puff, and chug, chug, chug, on their way West.
E Brown

Rain Train by Elena de Roo
All aboard! Take a train ride through a storm at night in a rhythmic readaloud chugging with sound words and full of striking illustrations.
E de Roo

Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky
Little Toot the tugboat conquers his fear of rough seas when he single-handedly rescues an ocean liner during a storm. First published in 1939, this classic story of the energetic tugboat is brought to new life in this restored edition.
E Gramatky

Dinosaur Train by John Gurney
Jesse takes a fanciful ride on a train full of dinosaurs in a daydream inspired by his favorite interests: "Trains and dinosaurs. Dinosaurs and trains."
E Gurney

Hiawatha Passing by Jeff Hagen
While sleeping at his grandparents' farm one winter night, a boy is awakened by the mysterious and powerful sound of the world's fastest locomotive passing in the night.
E Hagen

My Little Train by Satomi Ichikawa
Little Train toots along, taking all his passengers exactly where they want to go. "To the mountain!" says the bear. But Little Kangaroo doesn't say a word. He wants to go on an adventure with Little Train - adventure that leads him up a mountain, off a cliff, and back where he belongs: in his mama's pocket.
E Ichikawa

I Dream of Trains by Angela Johnson

The son of a sharecropper dreams of leaving Mississippi on a train with the legendary engineer Casey Jones.

E Johnson

The Little Train by Lois Lenski

Engineer Small drives his little train from TINYTOWN to the city-and back. Along the way, the little train passes tunnels and stops at stations to pick up cargo and passengers.

E Lenski

Chugga-Chugga, Choo-Choo! by Kevin Lewis

What works from dawn until dusk without a break until it delivers all its freight? A very busy steam engine gets the job done in this cheerful story that begs to be read aloud.

E Lewis

A Train Goes Clickety-Clack! by Jonathan London

Trains are fast. Trains are sleek. Trains make wonderful sounds as the wheels clatter, boilers hiss, and couplings clang. This playful picture book captures the excitement of trains through evocative language and vibrant illustrations

E London

All Aboard the Dinotrain by Deb Lund

When dinosaurs seek adventure by taking a train ride, they find the trip has some unexpected surprises along the way.

E Lund

Terrific Trains by Tony Mitton

Big Trains, small trains, old trains, and new, rattling and whistling -- Choo, choo, choo! Preschoolers will chuckle as a wacky animal crew toots the whistle and treats them to the delights only a train journey can offer.

E Mitton

The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper

The classic tale of the determined little engine that, despite its size, triumphantly pulls a train full of toys to the waiting children on the other side of a mountain.

E Piper

Who! Who! Goes the Train by Anne F. Rockwell

On Allan's first train ride, every twist and turn brings a new sound. But Allan's favorite sound doesn't come until the very last stop, when he gets the best surprise of all.

E Rockwell

I Love Trains! by Philemon Sturges

A train is passing by! A young boy watches in delight from his window as it rumbles and roars past. Each of the cars is carrying something interesting, but his favorite car is the last one -- it carries something extra special!

E Sturges

Train Song by Diane Siebert

Here is the song of the train. Listen as it rushes past big cities and small towns. Listen as it sweeps through forests and fields and into tunnels. Hear the whistle wailing, brakes squealing, wheels rolling, r-o-l-l-i-n-g, stop. Now the train is homeward bound. All aboard!

E Siebert

The Goodnight Train by June Sobel

A child's bedtime ritual follows the imaginary journey of a goodnight train's trip to the dreamland station.

E Sobel

Night Train by Caroline Stutson

Rhyming text presents a nighttime train ride through the countryside, with lightning on the tracks, rattling cars, and the welcoming lights of the station at the end of the journey.

E Stutson (local author!)

Window Music by Anastasia Suen

Describes the trip taken by a train as it travels over hills, through valleys, past horses and orange trees until it arrives at the next station.

E Suen

Train by Charles A. Temple

Here is a train trip to be savored, from the early dawn departure to that quiet moment when the passengers fall asleep

E Temple

Hey Mr. Choo-Choo, Where Are You Going? by Susan Wickberg

With rhythmic verse that perfectly echoes the chugging of a train and whimsical paintings showing the various landscapes along the way, the youngest kids will be eager to take a ride with charming Mr. Choo-choo.

E Wickberg

Nonfiction:

Big Book of Trains

J 625.1 Big - OVERSIZE

By Train by Cassie Mayer

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C Is for Caboose: Riding the Rails from A to Z by Traci N. Todd

Pack your bags for an unforgettable trip! An unexpected mix of vintage illustrations and contemporary photos makes this word book about trains as entertaining to look at as it is to read.

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Down By the Station by Will Hillenbrand

Join Will Hillenbrand's group of mischievous, playful, and sleepy baby animals on their way to the children's zoo. You'd better hurry, though . . . they can't be late to greet the first busload of children!

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Freight Train by Donald Crews

Brief text and eye-catching colorful illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

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I Drive a Freight Train by Sarah Bridges

Describes and illustrates how a freight train is operated.

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Let's Go By Train by Anders Hanson

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Seymour Simon's Book of Trains by Seymour Simon

Trains can carry grain and gravel, milk and machines, cars and computers, pipes and people. Simon's exploration of these very different trains and their uses, combined with his characteristically eye-catching full-color photographs, captures the beauty and power of steam trains, diesel trains, electric trains, and more.

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This Train by Paul Collicutt

Simple text and illustrations depict different kinds of trains going uphill and downhill, crossing bridges and tunnels, using electricity or steam, carrying passengers or freight, even when it snows.

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Train by John Coiley

DK Eyewitness book. Traces the development of railways from the first Babylonian rutways to the electromagnetic, driverless trains of today, and describes how trains are built and operated.

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Trains by Lynn Curlee

This bold and graphic look at trains and railroads by award-winning author and illustrator Lynn Curlee traces the tracks back to where they began. All aboard!

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Trains by Gail Gibbons

Examines different kinds of trains, past and present, describing their features and functions.

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Whooo, Whooo - Here Come the Trains by Molly Carroll

Large photos of trains combined with the repetitive phrase *Full Speed Ahead* will have train fans asking you to read it again and again.

E 625.1 Car

