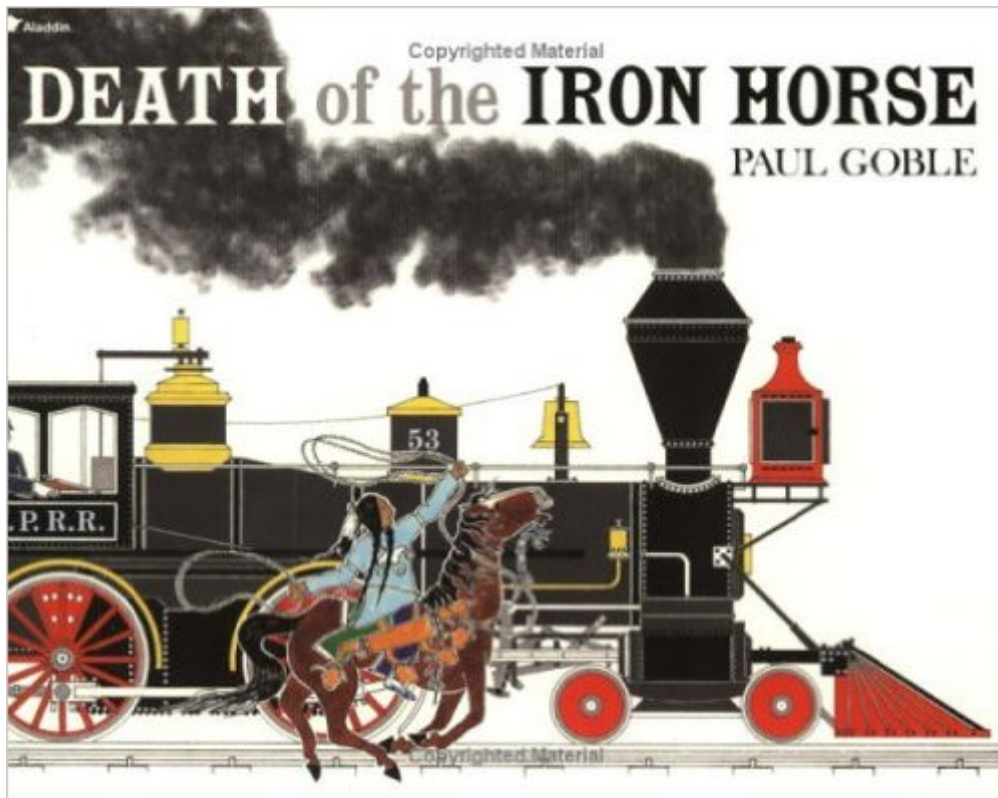


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Death Of The Iron Horse



Synopsis

The Iron Horse was coming...Thundering and panting and breathing black smoke, it was a fearsome thing. The Cheyenne people had never seen a steam locomotive before, and it terrified them. Would it come right over the hill, into their camp, just as the relentless soldiers and white settlers had done before? Powerful words and pictures tell the true story of August 7, 1867 -- the only time an "Iron Horse" was derailed by Native Americans. It is a tale of courage and pride and of a people caught up in an unequal struggle to preserve their sacred way of life.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

My train-obsessed three year old snagged this book off of the library shelf because of the picture on the cover. I quickly discovered that the story had little to do with trains, and much to do with the conflict with American Indians in the 1800s. Before I wrestled the book from his hands, my son was treated to, very nice, illustrations of the burning of an Indian village, complete with massacred Indians, and a derailed train with an arrow-ridden corpse sprawled on the ground beside. So, before handing this book to your child, take a few minutes to ensure that you are comfortable with the subject matter, always good advice, and prepare to explain what they read/read. Beyond the concerns with content in a children's book, you should also be aware that the author presents one

very particular take on historical events. Which is certainly his right. He rightfully laments the treatment of native Americans, yet seems to celebrate the violence they committed (how this is not both racist and vengeful is unclear to me). In other words, before allowing your child to read this book, prepare to discuss this conflict with your children. If you don't believe your child is prepared to understand these issues, don't give them the book!

I own all of Goble's books. My son and I fell in love with his stories and illustrations. He has since grown up and we have given away a plethora of his books, but these are keepsakes that I will always own. I would never give them away. I absolutely love them.

I put this in with our Oregon Trail/westward expansion materials, even though it is a few decades removed from the 1840-1850's. The backgrounds show the Nebraska prairie and Chimney Rock. This book is an important one for understanding (a tiny bit of) the resistance to America's westward expansion.

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