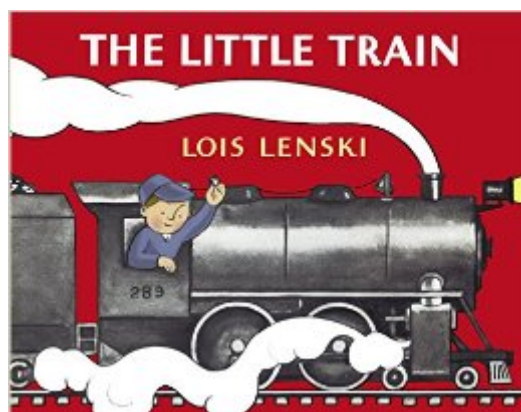


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The Little Train (Lois Lenski Books)



Synopsis

Mr. Small does it all! In this adventure, 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. Presented in full color for the first time, Lois Lenski's *The Little Train* will delight a whole new generation of readers as they learn all about the ins and outs of a working train. From the Hardcover edition.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 0140 (What's this?)

Series: Lois Lenski Books

Board book: 32 pages

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; Brdbk edition (September 24, 2002)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 037582264X

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Product Dimensions: 6.6 x 0.8 x 5.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (68 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

This review covers both the board book (ISBN 037582264X; 32 pp.; c. 2002) and hardcover (ISBN 0375810714; 56 pp.; c. 2000) editions of *The Little Train* by Lois Lenski. *The Little Train* was originally published in 1940 and hails approximately from the same era as Awdry's "Railway Series" (known to most children today as Thomas the Tank Engine stories). The level of detail in the original picture book will please the most ardent of youthful train fans: from the parts of the steam engine, to the coal hopper and water tower, to the roundhouse and turntable, to the semaphores (signals) and siding, etc. By today's standards, the illustrations may seem old-fashioned, but there is a certain charm to the depiction of the countryside and railway scenes that isn't found in today's train picture books. The story focuses on a steam engine's journey from TINYTOWN to "the city," led by Engineer Small, Conductor Little, and Fireman Shorty. The text is lengthy and prosy in comparison to today's

picture books, and is probably best suited to 4 year-olds and older (or very attentive and train-obsessed 3 year-olds). However, my 25 month-old train freak will happily sit through the story at least once, but that's probably because he's the spawn of two librarians. The board book is an abridged version of the original hardcover, and is only 32 pages in length (compared to the original 56 pages). About a third of the illustrations are omitted, and others are cropped. The colors are a bit different from the 2000 reissue--for example, the passenger cars are more of a reddish hue (like the 1 train on the NYC subway), rather than orange brown.

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