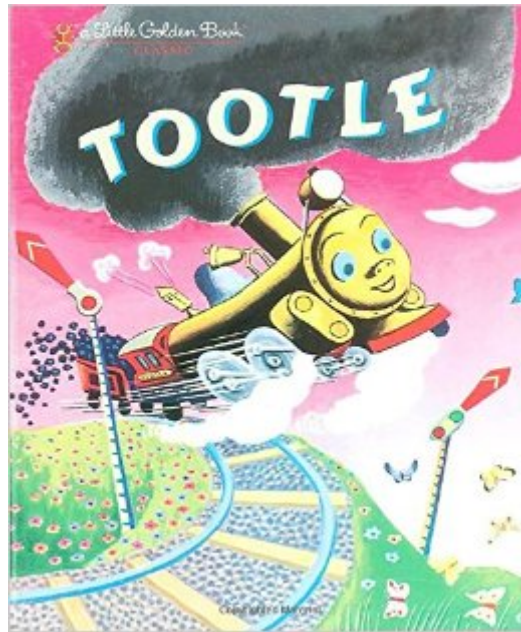


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# Tootle



## Synopsis

Tootle, a young train in training, begins leaving the tracks to cavort in the meadow until engineer Bill figures out a way to lure him back.

## Book Information

Series: Little Golden Book

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

I still have my copy of Tootle that my parents got me in the '70s. I loved the book as a kid, and love it still. Both of my children royally enjoy the book, although I have not seen the "new" version that some have commented on. Also - I was very surprised (almost mortified) to see many mediocre and negative reviews suggesting that Tootle is brain washing kids with tales of social conformity and suggesting that the towns people are robbing Tootle of his blissful happiness of playing in the field of buttercups. Here's another take. Tootle has a dream of being a big, fast locomotive. Along the ways of his studies to reach his goal, he succumbs to the peer pressure of a horse to race off the tracks. Tootle is derailed (no pun intended) from a diligent focus to achieve his dreams. There is a time for blissful happiness, and there is a time to take accountability for your goals and work to achieve them. The rail master and the towns people intervene into Tootles reckless ventures and remind him that he must remain diligent and "stay on the tracks" if he is to achieve his goals. Once he puts his mind to it, he grows up and achieves his goals. Morals- Don't succumb to peer pressure-

Remain focused on your goals and you can achieve anything

This is an adorable story about a baby locomotive who went to the village of Lower Trainswitch to learn to be a big locomotive. They have lessons in many classes to learn whistle blowing, stopping for a red flag waving and puffing loudly, just to name a few. However, the most important lesson to learn was staying on the rails no matter what. Tootle could never seem to do this. He always wanted to go and wonder in the meadow and chase birds or butterfly's. Tootle had to be taught a lesson. This little book teaches children in a fun way how important it is to follow directions. My granddaughter and I enjoyed this read. The illustrations were colorful and the book was enjoyable for her to look at. Nice job!

I had my "Tootle" book from when I was a little girl, late 70's-early 80's, and my boys finally tore it apart... So, I bought this one thinking that it would be the same story... Turns out that it is completely different than the original... I don't know who re-wrote this but don't know why they would re-write it this way. Too wordy and much more harsh in teaching. Please bring back the old Tootle:) I will be returning this....

I read Tootle as a child and to my own children since the early 1990s and through to today with my 2 year old. I have the current version and a pristine 1945 edition. The original had more artwork and was a longer story. Given that it is one of the longer Golden Books, I can understand why it was edited, but I do wish that some of the wonderful artwork had been kept. It is a great story with a great lesson.

I was so disappointed with this book for a number of reasons. First, unlike other little golden books the pictures are very tiny in the text is very lengthy. Not good for young children. Also, only some of the illustrations are in color. Others are only partial color, like brown and a little red. Besides this, I think the lesson in the book fails to come across well. The story is of a little locomotive who is training to be a big locomotive and he supposed to stay on the train tracks. Instead he decides he wants to go and play in the meadow. Most of the book is showing him sneaking and playing in the beautiful meadow, having a wonderful time with the horses, flowers, and butterflies even tho he knows it's naughty and disobedient. At the end all the towns people gather in the field with red flags and wave them at him. (The locomotives signal to stop) somehow he magically feels more inclined to obey that rule and it makes him no longer want to play in the meadow because he has to keep

stopping and it's not fun anymore. Then he sees his teacher on the train track with the green flag which means that's the place where he can go. Next thing you know he's a wonderful big locomotive who's one of the fastest and best. Is failure to do well and follow the rules had no lasting impact on his life or his success. He was a terrible student but still excelled somehow. It's a weak message with no consequences for disobedience. If the book is meant to teach a lesson it doesn't do that. If anything it makes disobedience seem very fun. I think this book will end up in the trash. I'm so disappointed with it because my son loves trains. I don't usually write bad reviews. I love Little Golden books and I have a whole collection of them. So sad that this one turned out to be a lemon.

I wanted to get my 3 year old nephew books that my sister and I enjoyed as a child and these were the first that popped into my mind. I am very pleased that the quality of Little Golden Books is still there! Looking forward to sharing this stories with him for years to come.

Who can not resist this classic Little Golden Book. I read this to my children, and now gave one to my daughter to read to her son. Easy for little fingers to touch and turn, my grandson loves this little book.

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