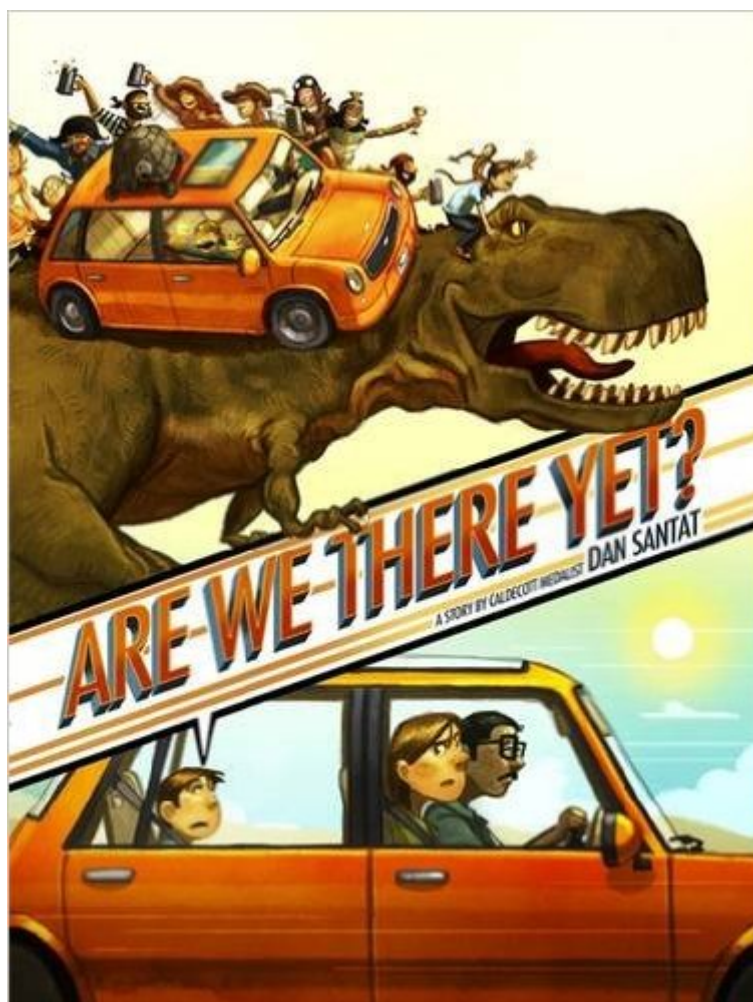


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# Are We There Yet?



## Synopsis

Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat takes readers on the road trip of a lifetime!"Are we there yet?" Every parent has heard this classic kid question on a long car ride--and after reading this astonishingly inventive new book (that even turns upside down for several pages!), you'll never look at being bored the same way again.Let's face it: everyone knows that car rides can be boring. And when things get boring, time slows down. In this book, a boy feels time slowing down so much that it starts going backward--into the time of pirates! Of princesses! Of dinosaurs! The boy was just trying to get to his grandmother's birthday party, but instead he's traveling through Ancient Egypt and rubbing shoulders with Ben Franklin. When time flies, who knows where--or when--he'll end up.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Even though this is currently the #1 bestseller in the incredibly specific genre of Children's Ancient Civilization Fiction here on , "Are We There Yet?" is not so much a history lesson as it is a wild, colorful adventure. Yes, you do get to travel back in time to ancient Egypt to witness the building of the pyramids, and yes you have a brief stop in Imperial Rome, and also a jaunt through the Jurassic period; you also get to fast forward many years from now to see what the world will be like in 2059. Time becomes fluid and unpredictable in the mind of a boy bored to tears with his family's road trip. At some point, you even have to turn the book upside down so that you turn the pages backwards in order to advance to the end of the story.Dan Santat's vivid and precocious imagination strikes again

with amazing visuals and a fun storyline. There is so much to look at, I know I'll find something new each time I read this book. But the real test is--will children love it? Yes, yes they will. Just be sure to bring this book on every road trip, because maybe, just maybe, it will keep your child from asking "Are we there yet?" every ten minutes.

Dan Santat has chosen to address a pretty common childhood experience, but in a very uncommon way. On his way to his grandmother's birthday party, a young boy asks his parents, "Are we there yet?" The looks on his parents' faces makes it clear this isn't the first time he has asked. Like many people on a road trip, the boy has quickly become bored. But things pick up on the next spread as the boy lets his imagination go on a trip of its own. These spreads where the boy imagines himself and his family in a variety of different stories makes for an interesting read aloud, as these pages are technically, upside down. On the other hand it makes for a different sort of reading experience turning the book, end over end, almost like one feels on a mind-numbingly long road trip. Another addition to the story is the QR codes included in some of the pictures which take the reader to games on the internet. And I have to say that the ending is so typical of childhood that I literally laughed out loud. Santat has created an imaginative, very relatable book about a common childhood experience turned on it's head.

I like "Are We There Yet?" because it is different. While reading the book the words go around the page and you actually turn the book upside down to continue reading through the pages. I think the story idea is creative and cute. My son is 4 and we are still working on the idea of the child imagining all of the places he could go in his mind while on a road trip. It is still a little over his head, but overall it is a creative way to tell a story. We decided to check it out from the library, I don't plan to purchase it because my son didn't express enough excitement about it, but it will probably be a repeat check out from the library.

Caldecott Medalist Santat shows the beauty of a bored mind in his new picture book. On a long car ride to his grandmother's house, a boy gazes out his window and his brain gets bored. Then time seems to stretch and slow down. The world shifts with the book turning entirely upside down! Suddenly the car is back in time. Next to a steam train with bandits and aboard a pirate ship. They make it to medieval times and then back to the building of the pyramids. Finally, they are all the way back to the time of the dinosaurs. Time can start to move again, too quickly and they find themselves in the future. Then suddenly, they are at Grandma's house where the boy is all too willing to



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