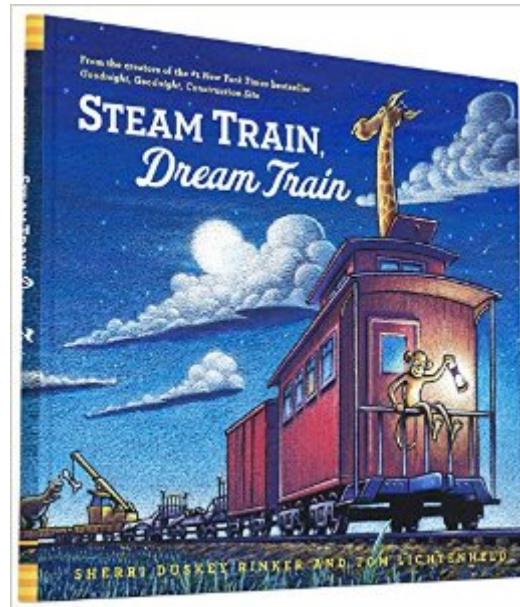


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# Steam Train, Dream Train



## Synopsis

The team behind the #1 New York Times bestseller *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* returns with another fabulous book for bedtime! The dream train pulls into the station, and one by one the train cars are loaded: polar bears pack the reefer car with ice cream, elephants fill the tanker cars with paints, tortoises stock the auto rack with race cars, bouncy kangaroos stuff the hopper car with balls. Sweet and silly dreams are guaranteed for any budding train enthusiasts!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

Oftentimes author/illustrator duo's follow up books can't quite recreate the magic of their previous books, but let me be the one to tell you that this book is a fantastic follow up to *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*. Much like your child learned about the different construction vehicles in *Goodnight, Steam Train* introduces different train cars-- the boxcar, wellcar, hopper and autorack with others. You'll find the same sing-song, rhyming cadence in *Steam Train* that you have come to love in *Goodnight* along with more beautiful illustrations drawn on the same dark background paper, lending that night-time feeling to the book. The age recommendation lists for *Steam Train* is 4-6 while *Goodnight* is 1 and up. The language is a bit more advanced in *Steam Train*, but if your child enjoyed *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* they will enjoy *Steam Train, Dream Train*. I would probably revise the age recommendation to 3 and up, but keep in mind the book does not have the

same sturdy pages as Goodnight; The pages are the same consistency and paper as other illustrated children's books. My two and half year old daughter loved Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site and loves Steam Train, Dream Train; I'm sure your child will love it too.

As other reviewers have stated, it's difficult to create a book to follow one as successful as "Goodnight, Goodnight," so I will cut the author some slack. Having said that, I found "Steam Train, Dream Train" to be very disappointing. The first thing I noticed when I got the book was that the pages are very thin -- not quite "newspaper" thin, but certainly not anywhere near the sturdy pages of "Goodnight." So I found myself constantly licking my finger to flip pages, which, of course, caused weird pauses in the reading. However, that was a minor annoyance compared to the writing itself. It simply does not have the magic of "Goodnight, Goodnight." Little train lovers will enjoy the fact that all parts of the train are described, but the language itself is clunky. (For example, "The smokestack puffs, the big wheels grind./The trusty tender's close behind./Cling! Clang! The bell rings out on top./Hissing steam. Breaks squeal. Then STOP!") There is no refrain that ties everything together. It's just one long, sometimes clunky poem about animals that load up various parts of the train and then fall asleep. The illustrations are good, and the muted colors are well presented. If your child loves all things trains, then this book probably belongs in your home. If not, I'd suggest taking a pass or just borrowing it from the public library.

I bought this book through "pre-order" on , so I didn't get to see it before it arrived at our house. That being said, I probably would have passed on buying this one. Don't get me wrong, this is a good book that kids will love. The illustrations are good, same style as Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site, but less bold (since it's night time I guess). I especially liked the bold yellows, red, and blues in the Construction Site book. I know it's difficult to follow up after a really successful book, but one thing that worked great with "Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site" are all the trucks had faces, and it was their story about ending a very busy day and going to bed. "Steam Train, Dream Train" is about animals that load the train for a nightly journey. Each part of the train is named - flatbeds, hopper cars, auto racks, etc., - but it's still just a train chugging on a track, and more about the animals putting different things into each train car. I know that may sound silly to some, but my kids really reacted to seeing the trucks as real with facial expressions and personalities all their own. My kids are 3 and 2 years old, Steam Train, Dream Train would have been better if it were written and illustrated the same way. Overall I feel the book came up short, much to my disappointment, because it could have been a LOT better. Still, there is much to like about this book and much that

my children like, too. If you think this book is the same as "Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site," it's not (2 stars) - safe for the illustrations. If you're looking for a good train book for your kids, then you'll love it (5 stars)!

This is the only book that my grandson really likes. For some odd reason, he hates to be read to but would always let me read this one. We would get the digital copy from the library. When he specifically asked for this book for Christmas, I could not say no. He was thrilled when he opened the gift. We read it all the time.

We got this book for kindle and read it for the first time tonight. My five year old's impression:"I liked that the little boy had a toy steam train dream train! [at the end.] I liked the part where the t rex got a bone. I liked learning about the different cars, and the words that said steam train dream train. They called it dream train because the animals are all dreaming and they are sleeping on the train and they got refreshing snacks. I like when the animals got out and were doing their chores."Clearly he was paying attention and many of the parts caught his fancy! I personally like the sleepy palette and the cute animals all working together nicely.

I bought this book for my six-year-old son for Christmas because there was a train, a giraffe, and a monkey on the cover -- in that order. I also bought it because I know a little of Rinker's writing.I can't comment on how much my son likes this book until after Christmas, but I loved it.

I love to find new books for my little one as I hate reading the same thing every night. We had recently added this to our collection and unfortunately (or fortunately depending on how you look at it) I had to hide it. He loved it! A lot. In fact he insisted I read it over and over again every night for 2 weeks straight until it suddenly went missing. Eventually it'll be "found" again as it was a good story. It's short enough that it's a perfect read for bedtime but long enough that it'll allow for sufficient snuggle time and the pictures are entertaining.

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