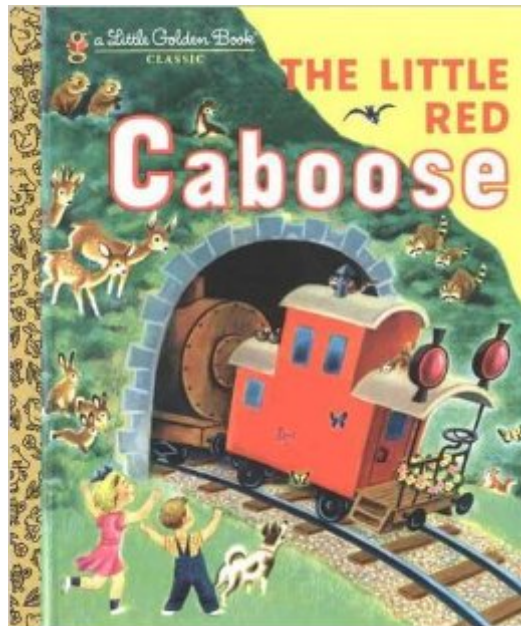


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# The Little Red Caboose (Little Golden Book)



## Synopsis

The little red caboose saves the train from sliding down a steep hill.

## Book Information

Series: Little Golden Book

Hardcover: 24 pages

Publisher: Golden Books; 1 edition (March 27, 2000)

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This was my favorite book as a child and I wanted to share it with my 10-month-old son. It's a great story for kids and every illustration is unique with many different and interesting aspects. The overall material quality, however, is poor. I don't remember that my childhood book was as poorly-made as this one. The trademark gold foil spine is very thin and was peeling off when it arrived. The almost transparently thin pages protrude outside the cheap cardboard covers and the print on some pages is so offset that it almost looks as if the image was meant to be seen through 3D glasses. It's disappointing that an American treasure like Little Golden Books has become a victim of such low-grade manufacturing.

"The Little Red Caboose" is a classic children's book from the early 1950s. The fact that it is still popular and in print tells us what a timeless classic it is. It is one of the best of the "Little Golden Books" series that were first published in that Golden Era for children's books. There was a simple naivety to childhood then. A child's world was uncomplicated and full of innocence. The story could

not be simpler. The caboose always came last. He was sad because the loco and the wagons got all the waves from the children. He thought, "nobody cares for me". However, one day, the train was so heavily loaded that it started to slip backwards when going up a tall mountain. The caboose slammed on his brakes and kept the train from sliding backwards. He saves the train. The illustrations by Tibor Gergely are what make this book so appealing. The scenes are full of life and activity, be it the forests with its friendly animals and the colourful towns, farms with lots of happy people. Everybody loves the era of steam trains with their solid, comforting dependability. Go back and revisit the world of "The Little Red Caboose". There were still some horses and buggies on the roads back then, but there is a portent of the busier modern world soon to come. In one scene we see an airliner in the sky. Tibor Gergely was a great children's book illustrator from this period. In addition to his artwork in the Caboose you can enjoy his illustrations in those other "Little Golden Book" classics, "Scuffy the Tugboat" and "Tootle". These three books are perfect companions in any young person's library.

I bought this book 29 years ago, for my son, who was 17 months old at the time. It was read to him many times, as it was his favorite book. The pictures fascinated him, and he became very interested in trains. By the time, he was two, he had it memorized. It is a great book for children. It teaches a lesson, and it is a fascinating story. For years, I have looked for this book, as the original one, wore out. So, I bought this book, for my son, who just had his 30th birthday, and recently married, to pass down to his children. I highly recommend this book for children from ages 1 on up. I have always enjoyed this book, along with my son, and never tired, reading it to him. It is great!

This is one of those stories that all kids know, or eventually will. This story was first published around 1952. It is still around and as popular as ever. This says a lot. The story by Marian and the illustrations by Tibor Gergely in this edition are great. The text is quite readable and the pictures eye catching. The theme of the story "too help" is quite universal and no worse for the wear. This is a nice addition to any children's library. Recommend this one highly.

This is another Tibor Gergely classic and another favorite from my own childhood. The illustrations here are not as good as those Mr. Gergely supplied for Scuffy the Tugboat or Seven Little Postmen (and neither is the prose, this time care of Marian Potter). However, my two-year-old son loves the book, demanding that I read it to him nearly every evening. He likes the various images of the train which are also brimming with incidental details: countless children and animals, mountain climbers,

boats, school busses, carriages, kites, bridges, produce stands, and castles, just to name a few. Sometimes, he will "read" the book himself. Because the prose is simple and repetitive, he is easily able to remember and recount portions of the text. Of course, the book also teaches a good lesson about being useful, as most train storybooks seem to do (e.g., Thomas, Tootle, The Little Engine That Could).

The content of this book is great. My child loves it. However the quality of the binding is poor...The pages protrude outside the hard covers. I have many golden little books but only this one has this problem. But for the price and the fun it's worth it.

My son loves trains, so this book naturally was a hit with him. We really enjoyed the story and the pictures. Little Golden Books are some of our favorites.

I first purchased this book in the late 1970's when my son was just a toddler. He loved it so much that it was not uncommon for his grandmother or me to repeat the reading several times each day. In time he was able to fill in the blanks and finish the sentences on each page as though he were reading to us!! It's a classic, and I'm so thrilled that it's still available for other little ones to enjoy in their lives. I'm now reading this same treasure to my three grandchildren who love it as much as their father and I had. In fact they look for the little red caboose on every train that passes when they visit Grammy. So many valuable lessons are contained in the story, especially one of perseverance and self-esteem. I will always treasure this book.

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