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All aboard for Dreamland! Hold on to your pillow because the Goodnight Train is taking off. Roll that corner, rock that curve, and soar past mermaids, leaping sheep, and even ice-cream clouds. You won't want to miss a thing, so whatever you do, don't . . . close . . . your . . . eyes!

With soothing, lyrical words and magical illustrations, June Sobel and Laura Huliska-Beith have created a nighttime fantasy that's guaranteed to make even the most resistant sleeper snuggle up tight.

The Goodnight Train Details

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Danie P. says

Rhyming test, more so for really patient toddlers and preschoolers, interesting illustrations. Children getting ready for bed board the goodnight train and ride it all the way to dreamland.

Becky says

First sentence: The Goodnight Train gets set to roll. It's being shined and filled with coal. Wash the cars off with a hose. Scrub the engine's dirty nose. Scrub-a-dub! Scrub-a-dub! Toot! Toot!

Premise/plot: The Goodnight Train is a bedtime book for little train lovers. It's written in rhyme. The text is silly, but the illustrations are even sillier perhaps.

My thoughts: Trains are ever popular with little ones. Not just with boys but with girls as well. This board book is perfect for little ones that can't get enough of tracks and engines. What better way to fit in some cozy time with your little one than to read about trains.

Kendall says

Love, love, love this adorable good night book! So much more interesting than some of the other goodnight books out there, this one seems to start out faster and louder, eventually becoming softer and slower as the engine moves into its shed to sleep. This book is lovely and unusual--perfect for train-loving toddlers who have everything train, everything Thomas. This is definitely something different that they probably don't have!

Melanie says

Hop on board the bedtime train. With baths taken and teeth brushed, it choo-choos onto to dreamland. Sheep jumping over fences included.

Teacher. says

My absolute favorite bedtime book. The rhyming words are a perfect rhythm to create a sense of cool peace just before bed. HIGHLY RECOMMEND!

midnightfaerie says

This one was a fun one for us. My 5 yr old wasn't as interested, but my preschoolers loved it. Besides the adorable illustrations and the fact it was about a train, it was also nice to see a different sort of idea about the goodnight train. The cars were made up of beds and other items needed before going to sleep. (ie beds, bathtubs, toothbrushes, etc.) It made for a fun story that was easy and entertaining to follow along with. The rhyming made it fun for me to read out loud. Probably a book best for babies through preschoolers as there isn't enough substance to keep an older child interested.

Luisa Knight says

So clever! I love the sounds the goodnight train makes. The illustrations are fun too!

Ages: 3 - 5

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Tricia says

This book takes the reader on a magical trip to dreamland by train. One that would be requested night after night by train fans who will enjoy the gently rhyming text and muted illustrations.

Catherine says

Fun rhymes and great illustrations with lots of detail. I can imagine pointing out different elements and doing I spy with my daughter as she gets older and this book could still be entertaining.

Jessica Sental says

While this book does not carry as cargo a profound message, nor does it have the world's most intricate illustrations or elegantly-crafted language, this book is on my shelf because it represents an experience. Books and reading--surprise, surprise--have always been so important to me. Because of this, I have been so committed to introducing my children to literature at a very, very young age. I started reading to both my son and my daughter before their eyes could even focus on the pictures adorning thick, cardboard pages. This book was one that I read night after night to my son, my firstborn, as a baby. It was perfect for him because he loves trains and he loved all the train sounds and the lyrical quality of the rhyming couplets that comprise the story line. And me? I loved holding him in my lap and reading to it to him, mimicking every train sound with enthusiasm. I loved that at the end, when I read the last lines, "Goodnight, train, goodnight" and added a

"Good night, Carter, good night," he always knew it was time for sleep and would hop down, once he could, from my lap and toddle over to his bed, lift up both pudgy arms, and wait to be lifted into the crib. him, this book represented comfort, love, and safety. For me, this book represents all of those experiences, but also the start of learning and the beginning of a life-long relationship with reading. It also represents the way in which reading can be not just an experience, but a shared one. Reading allows us to connect with our loved ones in such a special way. So this book on my shelf represents an invaluable parenting experience for me. And years from now, when my son's little body has stretched tall and he can no longer climb into my lap, I will see this book on the shelf and remember the baby and the little boy he once was. I will think about how, even though it will have become a distant memory, these experiences, and this simple, cardboard book about a train riding off to sleep, will have helped to shape the young man he will have become.

Mignon says

This is one our favorite nighttime books! An easy read and my toddler loves the pictures.

Shauna says

Fun board book of what happens before and during sleep, but I thought there was too much going on to be calming. There are bright illustrations.

Laura says

In my opinion, this book is leagues better than Chugga Chugga Choo Choo, which I recently read to my 3yo son. The rhymes and meters were more fluid, and it was more interesting to me (though it probably didn't make a huge difference to him, as anything with trains is good in his mind). I just hate reading books I don't like, so I'm glad we have this option. I am collecting goodnight books for my kids, and I will keep this one.

Adrienne says

I randomly picked this up at the library and it is probably one of my favorite children's books ever. The illustrations are beautiful, whimsical, and engaging. The story is unique and just super cute. I love it so much that I'm reviewing it--and I've never reviewed a children's book before. That's mostly because I think adding a bunch of children's books to your "read" shelf is just a cheap way of increasing the number of books on said shelf, but this one is good enough I can have one cheapy, right?

Bridget Gambaiani says

I really enjoyed reading this one out loud. The variety of train noises was fantastic. The pictures are busy and a bit zany. The images don't all make sense, but it is fun to look at. My son has requested it the last five nights for bedtime. He is going to be disappointed when we have to return it to the library.

