

Trains Go

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Recommended for ages 2-4

Part of a series including *Trucks Go* and *Planes Go*

This book, drawn and written in watercolor, is very well done and appealing to the eyes and ears. Each page includes a different type of train, named correctly, going through 8 types. The trains described include freight trains, streamliners, mountain trains, bullet trains, old steam trains, diesel trains, big steam trains and a caboose and each of them has an onomatopoeia description of the sound that each type makes. Particularly well done is the mountain train going uphill, there is a real sense of elevation, and the wide pages, with twice the width than the height really lend themselves to a description of trains, which allows the image of the whole engine of a large size on each page.

The illustrations in this book are very nicely done, with precise watercolor strokes and imaginative use of shapes in order to create the trains. There is a nice sense of movement as the pages go on, something minor, but sure to be appealing to young readers. The correct description of each type of train with the typical sound is very nice and I think that some readers will find themselves attracted to trains, especially if they are encouraged to mimic the sounds that the trains make. It might serve as a springboard into more train literature and a more in depth study of each of the types of trains.

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