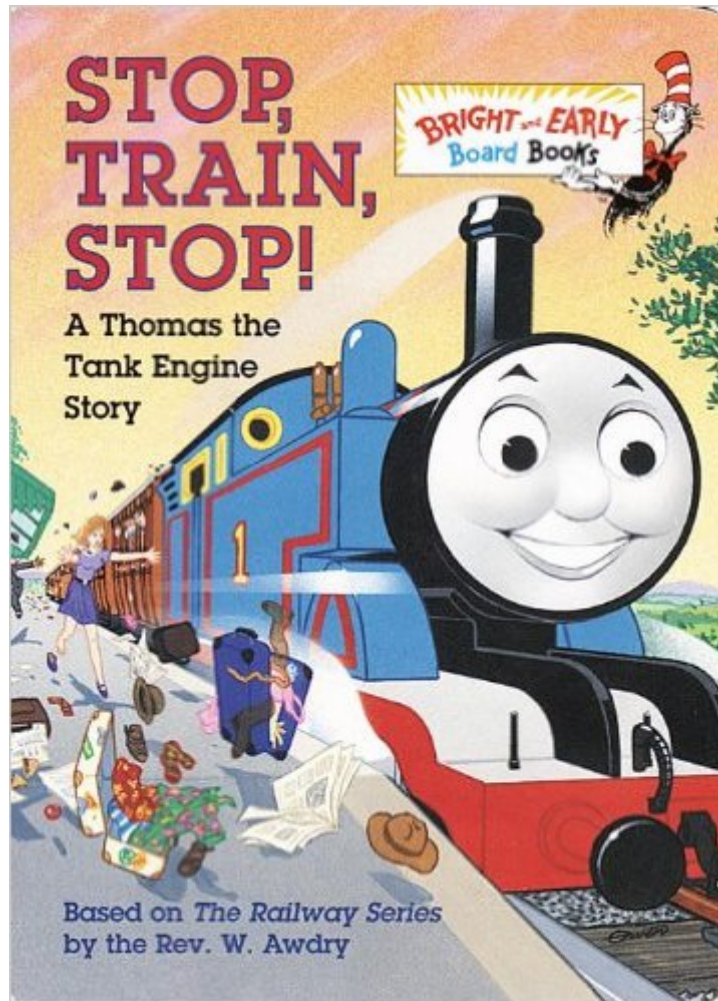


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# Stop, Train, Stop! A Thomas The Tank Engine Story



## Synopsis

Illustrated in full color. When Thomas the Tank Engine decides to bypass his usual stops and speed directly to the end of the line, havoc ensues. Thomas is in such a hurry that the passengers can't get on or off, and everything gets bounced up and down in a wonderful jumble!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Stop, Train, Stop" is an odd little book. For one thing, it purports to be a "beginning" reader, and for another thing, Thomas not only has Annie and Clarabelle but dining, sleeping, and luggage cars! Now as most people know [;-)], Thomas' branch line is not long enough to warrant either a sleeping or dining car. (Sometimes it's frightening how much this mom knows about Sodor-but I know I'm not alone.) Still, the plot is interesting enough that most fans won't be too worried about this discrepancy. And Owen Bell does a nice job in illustrating this little story. The story takes place one day when Thomas decides not to stop at any of his assigned stations. Instead he rushes head-long and willy-nilly to the end of the line, only to find that this rushing about didn't make him as happy as he thought it would. Turns out Thomas missed his friends along the way. He missed seeing the cows that 'moo' hello to him, and he missed the children that wave as he goes by. In its own way, "Stop, Train, Stop!" is a stop and smell the roses allegory. It explains to children how 'bad' things can happen if you rush about your business. [Certainly the cook on the dining car and the passengers weren't happy!] Which brings us to the other oddity about this book, that Random House

considers it to be a "beginning" reader. Now, I'm no expert, but I do have a beginning reader --kindergartener--and she certainly can't even begin to read this as there are frequently 20 or more words per page and a heavy use of past tense. But judge for yourself from the text below. The first page has more text than most pages. Every day Thomas the Tank Engine chugged from the start of his line to the end of his line and back again. "All aboard!" called the little blue engine's conductor. Three and a Half Stars. Okay story that young Thomas fans will no doubt like. A sort of stop and smell the roses tale. Addendum: Well time has passed and I've discovered all sorts of things like the Accelerated Reading (AR) scale. And I was mostly correct. While "Stop, Train, Stop" is an early reader, it isn't a true beginning primer as it is listed as a 2.0 on the Accelerated Reading scale. To the newly initiated this means that the book is suitable for First Graders in the fifth month of school. And just so you know, the AR description is a general "guide" that rates books on a relative scale of difficulty. Children can certainly read at levels above or below their group range, so that this number should only be used as a aid to help choose books that are appropriate and not frustrating. ~Pam T 2007

This book uses simple language and a simple plot that is just right for very young children. I bought this book for my son when he was about six months old and he loved it even then. Now he is two and it is still his favorite. It has also proved to be fairly durable. I do agree with another reviewer that it is not the most fascinating book for adults to read, but... This is a great "starter" book to help your young child learn to love to read.

This book would be an excellent first reader for a Thomas fan. It's very simply written, but would really hold a beginning reader's interest. My sons don't read yet, but they love to have it read to them, although I must admit it's not the most fascinating book for the adult reader! They love the scenes where the train is going too fast and all sorts of things are splashing and crashing around because the train is going too fast.

I love these Dr. Seuss brand Thomas books, and (more importantly) so does my two-year old. He's a Thomas fan through and through. Unlike the Golden Books (which are nice enough), this book and its cousin, GO TRAIN GO tap into writing conventions that will train your young reader to recognize patterns. It's not a Pulitzer, to be sure, but its use of parallel structure and appropriate repetition elevates your frequent reading of Thomas from nice stories that are grounded with a moral center to something a bit more. Be aware, however, that this Board Book lacks the meat of

the more traditional children's book. As a result, a bit of the narrative is lost. If you have the ability, I'd recommend going with the non-board book. If not, however, your young reader will still delight in reading this and its sturdiness enables more individual reading with less accidents to the pages.

This book is a step up from the simplest Thomas stories for infants. Its colorful pictures and simple text make it perfect for beginning readers. The entire series of Thomas' books builds a little one's interest in preparation for the more mature Thomas stories as written by Rev. Awdry.

I didn't read the description of this book well enough and I thought it was the unabridged longer version. This is actually a smaller board book. That didn't matter much to my son, who was 18 months old when I purchased this. He'll listen to any Thomas story with rapt attention, and being a board book meant he couldn't damage as easily as a paper book. I also bought Go Train Go, and both have become a favorite of his. He often brings us one of the books to read to him. My only complaint is that because it is very small, it tends to get lost among his larger board books.

I feel just a bit awkward reviewing a book that is so short and simple. However, it doesn't contain the rhymes or pattern repetition that the other Thomas the Tank Engine Bright and Early Board Books have in spades. It's not a bad book but it is not as good as the others.

This was written in an easier to read format for beginning readers. Children will enjoy this story of Thomas who decides not to stop at any of his stops. Quite a bit of entertaining things happen to the passengers riding the train as they get bounced around. Children will find the plot amusing with the accompanying illustrations. This has one story, and is an I Can Read It All By Myself stamp. If they like Thomas, they will enjoy reading this story. Thomas is the primary character - no other trains featured.

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