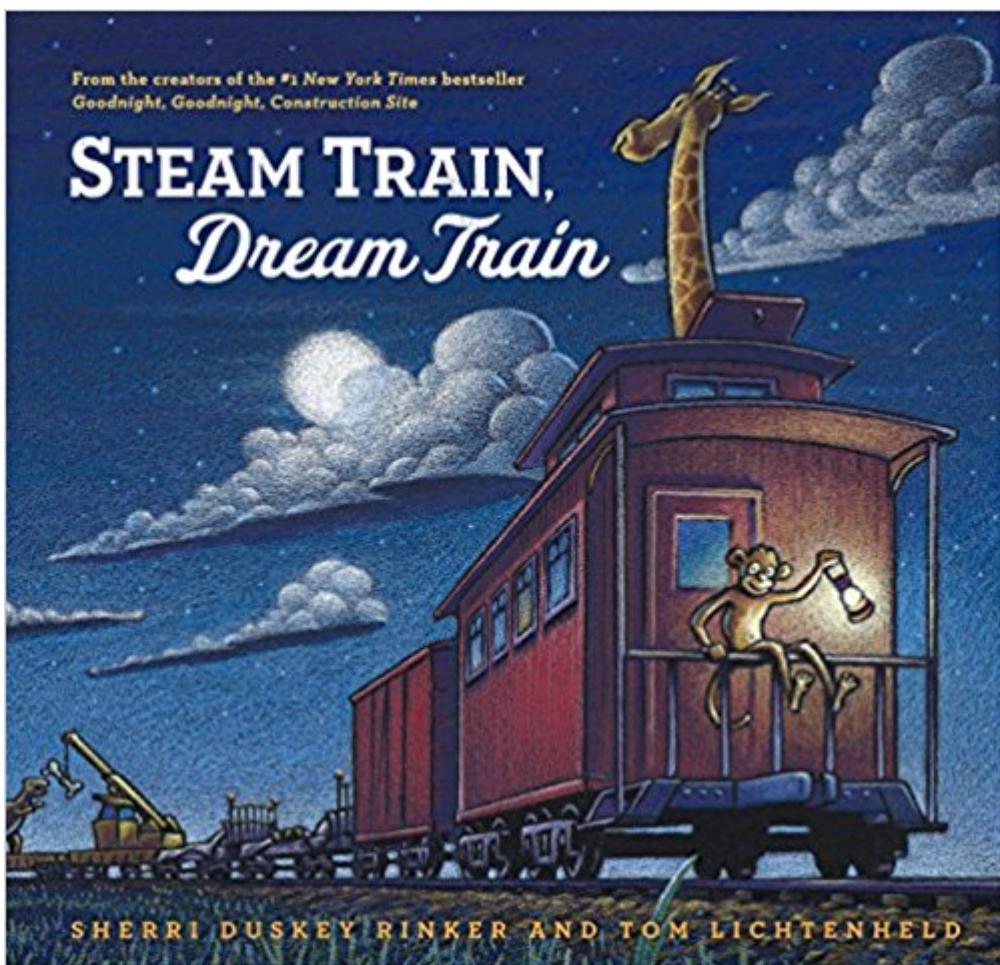


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# Steam Train, Dream Train



## **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**

An Best Book of the Month, April 2013: The bestselling team behind Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site has done it again with a new book for bedtime even more appealing than the last. From the opening page of Steam Train, Dream Train, to each gorgeously illustrated spread thereafter, the story of an animal crew loading the train cars with balls, race cars, and ice cream, has a gentle, soothing rhythm perfect for reading aloud. By the end, preschoolers should be relaxed enough to follow their own dream train into the starry night and parents can expect to read this one again and again. --Seira Wilson A Look Inside Steam Train, Dream Train Click here for a larger image Click here for a larger image Â Click here for a larger image Click here for a larger image

PreS-K-From out of the midnight darkness comes a mighty train heading to Night Falls station. With clouds of steam hissing from the smokestack and brakes squealing, it comes to a stop and the animal crew jumps out, ready to load up the cars with freight. A rambunctious bunch of monkeys fills the boxcar with toys while kangaroos toss balls into the open-topped hopper car. Purple elephants use their trunks to fill the tanker cars with different colored paints as a polar bear and penguin put giant ice-cream sundaes in the reefer car. After such a hard night's work, the crew beds down on the flatbed car, ready for the steam engine to fire up and take them to dreamland. The strength of this book is in the striking spreads in wax oil pastel. A vast night sky is filled with sparkly stars and large billowing clouds that frame the oncoming train traveling through a realistically silhouetted landscape, while the animal crew looks strangely toylike, as though made of plush and plastic. It is not until the final spread that this incongruous bunch, and this whole dream, is explained by a nighttime look at a young train lover's bedroom. The beginning and end of the book are filled with expressive and enjoyable railroad sounds, yet the rhyming text loses a bit of steam in the middle, describing but not always enhancing the activity depicted in the illustrations. Still, this is a book that will, like its predecessor, *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* (Chronicle, 2011), be embraced as a nighttime standard, particularly among train lovers everywhere.-Teri Markson, Los Angeles Public Library  
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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.

I bought this for my daughter when she was an infant. She is a toddler now and still enjoys reading the book with me. The rhymes are catchy but gentle/calming enough to be a good bedtime book. For a simple board book, she actually learned a lot from it such as colors and animals. When she got older, she pointed out other nouns such as bubbles, book, moon and even verbs like "reading" and "growling" and is even exposed to the different types of train cars. It's a great book for young children. We have the original Steam Train Dream Train book but that book hasn't quite caught her attention because of its length. Great version of Steam Train for infants and toddlers.

Goodnight Goodnight Construction Site is a modern classic that turns construction vehicles in to sleepy machines that need to rest after a long day of work. It gives children an alternate world where the construction trucks actually have personalities. Steam Train Dream Train does something similar for trains but is illustrated so beautifully that I look through it myself. It's fun to read and there are excellent rhymes but one of the most interesting things is that this book includes almost everything your young boy (or maybe girl) probably likes. Such as?Trains (Obviously), with different types of train cars. Zoo animals riding the train and going to sleep on the trainA Dinosaur along with the zoo animals!Monkey's jugglingToys like a plane, Mr Potato Head and blocksDifferent colors of taker carsA giraffe driving a digger and dumping balls in a train car!Ice CreamDragsters!An of course a toy train at the end. Everything wraps up nicely with a boy sleeping soundly in bed. My 2.5 year old just loves it and it is a staple for us at bedtime and I imagine will be for many years. We check out a lot of books from the library as these are not cheap but this one is worth buying. A new classic!

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.

Boring as puzzles go, but my grandson really loves trains . . . so it seemed like a no-brainer. He wasn't as interested in the book as I hoped, so this didn't really delight him, either. He really likes puzzles, too, but this isn't as much puzzle - just train cars you can link together. Well made and

sturdy, though.

My 3 year old has learned her colors very quickly thanks to this book. It is colorful with animals on every page to keep their interest. Recommend for all parents as a nighttime ritual to give your little one a head start on learning.

This is a great story for little ones who love trains. The pictures are a darker tone, as it takes place at night. Lots of animals loading up the train to keep it interesting and playful rhyming. Would purchase again!

My 3-year-old grandson adores trains, and thus train books. This is his favorite (and he has dozens) - perhaps because when he was 2, he memorized words to Rinker's "Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site" (his then passion was machinery, sparked by the building of six houses in vacant lot across the street from where we live). He LOVES the darker pictures in this nighttime setting (Construction site was about getting READY for bed, Steam Train is about DURING the night, so yes, pictures darker, but so appropriate). Also think he finds it reassuring that the dark can bring out TRAINS, not just MONSTERS. Perhaps if child in your life isn't interested in trains (or animals), this isn't the book for you to buy. But if you have one like mine, this is the perfect story for before bed.

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