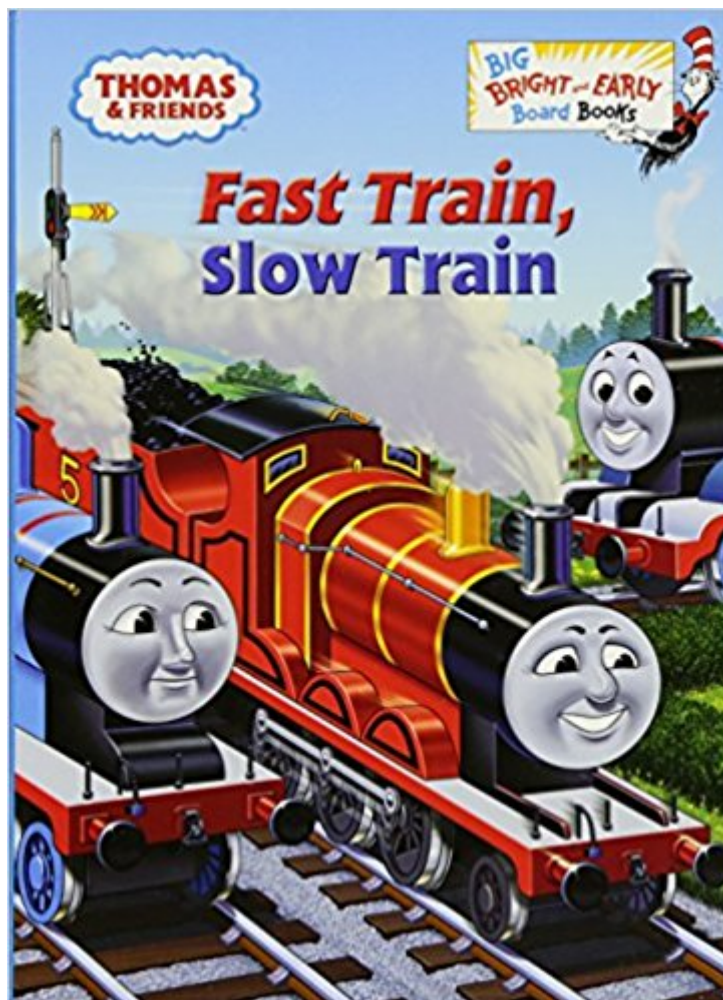




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# Fast Train, Slow Train (Thomas & Friends) (Big Bright & Early Board Book)



## Synopsis

The newest Bright and Early Board Book featuring Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends, this sturdy book features a simple train adventure about opposites to share with boys and girls ages 0 to 3.

## Book Information

Series: Big Bright & Early Board Book

Board book: 24 pages

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Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 31 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #146,088 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #59 in [Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Basic Concepts > Opposites](#) #140 in [Books > Children's Books > Cars, Trains & Things That Go > Trains](#)

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

In the early 1940s, a loving father crafted a small, blue, wooden engine for his son, Christopher. The stories that this father, THE REVEREND W. AWDRY, made up to accompany this wonderful toy were first published in 1945. He continued to create new adventures and characters until 1972 when he retired from writing. Reverend Awdry died in 1997 at age 85.

This is a really good book as far as rhyming Thomas board books. It tells a story and has a lesson to learn, that might be a little over the heads of young kids, but is still enjoyable for them nonetheless. My 15 month old LOVES this book and chooses it to read often. Obviously I add tons of train noises in. I'm getting so good at my chugging and chuffing noises. I might put it on my rÃ©sumÃ©. Anyway, our baby loves the book and that's all we really care about!

This is a fun book for toddlers, with nice rhyme and an emphasis on being kind. It is a little heavy-handed with the moral of the story (the last line being "Vanity won him second place"), but

otherwise has fun light rhymes which my 2 year old enjoys. He has even started making little rhymes based off the book. One day a few months ago, our not terribly verbal little guy spouted off: Daddy! Daddy! Go! Go! Go! Daddy! Daddy! Oh, so slow! His dad and I were a bit shocked, and had no idea where that had come from, until the next day when we were reading the book and recognized the rhyme. It was especially surprising because we hadn't read that book in about a week, so it must have just really stuck with him.

The rhyming in the book is great and my 2 year old likes the pictures, but the message in the book about vanity seems a bit too old for the supposed age group for the book (0-3 years). When I read about the original author of Thomas the Train, who created the character in the 1940's, it makes a bit more sense, but I still think the meaning of this book is a little over the head of a toddler.

Though my son is extremely fond of Thomas the Train, I actually enjoyed this book. It is a newer spin on the old Tortoise and the Hare; however, the characters are James and Edward. Though one thinks he is so much faster, he neglects those who need him most and it is his vanity that allows the other train to win.

I rated it one star because the blurb says its for teaching opposites, which is what I wanted it for. Other than the title it has nothing to do with opposites and is useless to teach this skill. I think I will return it.

This was a fun story to share.

My 2 year old loves Thomas & Friends and he enjoys when I read him these Thomas board books. Although I wish they were more than a few pages long.

My child loves these thomas the tank stories. They're all favorites.

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