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From Kate and Jim McMullan, the popular creators of *I Stink!* and *I'm Dirty!*—now a streaming animated series—comes an irresistible read-aloud about trains, a perennial kid favorite.

*WHEELS on the RAILS, ALL night long,
Racin' and a-rumblin' the FREIGHT TRAIN song—
Chooka chooka chooka chooka*

Meet one hard workin' freight train. He's got to get to Chicago on time and nothing is going to stop him. Mountains? Not a chance! Cows? Out of his way, ladies! He's going to get there—and fast!

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Lynn Davidson says

This is one of a series. In this book a car challenges a train to see who can reach the same destination first. The author uses short phrases and great action words. Very nice illustrations. This is a fun story for young readers.

Matt says

A zippy red sports car and a freight train. Who would win a race between the two? You'd be surprised, as Neo surely was in this story. The book explores the ins and outs of freight trains, as well as some of the 'shortcuts' in their arsenal on the way to Chicago. Neo loved the story, but wanted more information on how trains get so fast.

Heather says

Pre-K or toddler storytime book. So many good sounds to make!

Jennifer Heise says

A little red car challenges a freight train to race to Chicago. The friendly, sportsmanlike freight train accepts, and chants through the journey, from loading the cars to arriving in the freight yard-- and offering the car a ride home.

A frolicking, fun run through a picture book, with rhyming, rhythmical text that makes it one of the best in this series.

Some things rang untrue (truckers riding *in* their trucks on the train? pizzas in a box car, not a fridge car?) and one or two were confusing -- my son always asks about the picture showing the popsicle 'floating' out of the refrigerator car. However, neither he nor I grew tired of re-reading it.

Jacqueline says

A favorite of my kindergarteners!

Kimberly says

I wasn't blown away by this one, but I have to take the kids' opinions into view--and they LOVED it. Even the two little guys with Autism who don't usually care about storytime were practically in my lap (I guess

wheels really are part of the Y chromosome...oy) and all of the kids wanted to join in making noises, counting the train cars, etc. When I said, "The End!" a first-grader said, "I LOVE that book!" So, there you have it. Rave reviews from the tiny humans is worth a whole star upgrade in my book. :)

Whitney says

Things get heated up in quickly the book, *I'm Fast!*, whenever a speedy little car and a train decide to race one another to Chicago. Each page shows a different car that train has to pull. The train even transports pizza and ice-cream bars, which is always a favorite food with young readers. The train is competitive as he is racing to beat the little car zipping through all the turns. The train ends up winning and instead of bragging about his accomplishment, he offers the car a ride on his boxcar. Readers are taught that any race is simply for fun and we should always have a good attitude whether we win or lose. This book is full of descriptive words that easily keep the readers attention. While reading, it makes me feel like I too am a train racing as I as read aloud, "Choo choo." The train passes through lots of different sceneries that keeps the readers attention. From desert to farmland, it feels like we've been everywhere once we finish the book.

This book would be best for children kindergarten age and younger. The brief dialogue and vivid illustrations would keep a young boys attention.

Miss Sarah says

A train and a car race across the country in this fast and filled with sounds preschool and up book

Elisabeth says

Not the best book in the "I'm" book series but a freight train and race car together in ONE book?! Some little ones are about to have their MIND BLOWN. :)

Deb says

I checked out several McMullan books from the library. This is my favorite so far. I like the race aspect of the plot, the educational aspect, and the sound effects. Alena likes them too.

Asho says

So, I have no idea what happens in this book because my 18 month-old and I only got as far as the fourth page, which shows the train entering a tunnel in the desert. When I tried to turn to the next page, my son turned the page back to that one. So I re-read it, and attempted to turn the page again. No dice. My son shrieked "Noooooo!" and insisted that we were done turning pages. I spent the rest of story time pointing

labeling various elements on the page as he happily pointed to the train, the car, and the cars on the train over and over and over again.

I figure I have to give this book at least 4 stars for how much that one page alone captured his interest. He's very into all vehicles and modes of transportation right now, so I can't say I'm surprised! I'm hoping that maybe eventually he'll let us finish the book, but I suppose this may just be the one picture we look at over and over and over again until it goes back to the library. I guess this is what the reading experts mean by allowing your child to experience the book as he wishes!

Michelle says

I will never understand the popularity of these books, but my son loves them.

David says

I'm Fast! by Kate McMullan, illustrated by Jim McMullan is the tale of a race from Sacramento to Chicago between a red car, and a train pulling freight.

After agreeing to a race, the train engine hooks up to freight cars including a flatcar, gondola, coil car, tank car, hopper, freezer car, boxcar, stack-car, and auto-rack. They cross a mountain, encounter snow, travel through the night, scatter cows, cross a bridge, and pull into Chicago with the train there first!

The text uses a large, bold font, featuring larger print for some sounds and action words. Some text is in different colors. Among the contents being pulled are lumber, bricks, steel, gas, gravel, ice cream bars, wheat, eggs, tomatoes, peppers, and cheese.

McMullan's illustrations remind me a bit of the Cars movies, especially with the racing theme. There is a lot of humor in the expressions of the train and the car. My favorite images include the cover, the freight yard, entering the tunnel, train in the tunnel, exiting the tunnel, boxcar contents, train scattering cows, over the bridge, train winning, and the final image.

This will please young train lovers and those who like playing with cars. Kids will enjoy making many of the sounds. This is not the best of the vehicle series by the McMullan's but is still fun and will please and entertain many. Recommended for school and public library collections.

For ages 2.5 to 6, cars, trains, races, series, transportation, and fans of Kate McMullan and Jim McMullan.

Vivian says

This may be my TOP CHOICE of TRAIN picture books to share in a pre-school age library story time. There's a race between a hot red car and a train.

The train first hails the YARD CREW to load the FLATCAR (lumber), the GONDOLA (bricks), the COIL CAR (steel), the TANK CAR (gas), the GRAVEL BIN, etc.

I love all the phrases, such as THROTTLE UP! ROLL! and the onomonapia such as "chooka chooka chooka chooka and vvvvvvvvvvvv! While chugging along more cars are introduced -- the AUTO-RACK

(cars), FREEZER CAR (ice-cream bars), BOXCARS (boxes of food to make pizza) and by the way, we're "EATIN' UP track!" Besides all this there's plenty of drama (action?) DUCK! There's a mountain ahead. Notice the word mountain typographically imitates a mountain. There's a tunnel. Make a horn blowing sound (Tooooooo! Toooooo! The fun never stops.

carrietracy says

We hid this from the kid until we can return it to the library. He loves anything with cars and trains, but this doesn't make any sense and lacks any real continuity or plot. The pictures are cute though?
