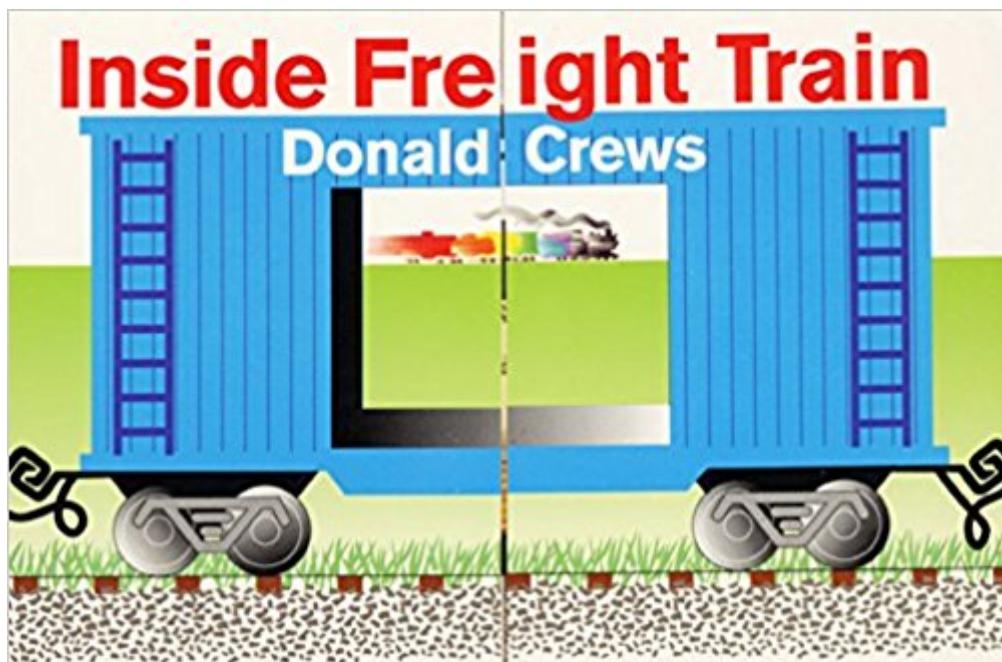


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## Inside Freight Train



## **Synopsis**

Red caboose at the back, orange tank car, green cattle car, purple box car, black tender and a black steam engine . . . freight train. In simple, powerful words and vibrant illustrations, Donald Crews evokes the rolling wheels of that childhood favorite: a train. This Caldecott Honor Book features bright colors and bold shapes. Even a child not lucky enough to have counted freight cars will feel he or she has watched a freight train passing after reading *Freight Train*. Donald Crews used childhood memories of trains seen during his travels to his grandparents' farm in the American South as the inspiration for this timeless favorite.

## **Book Information**

Age Range: 4 - 5 years

Board book: 12 pages

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## **Customer Reviews**

Hop on board and see what's inside the freight train! Slide apart the sturdy pages of this unusual board book to reveal the contents of the cars. The refrigerator car keeps apples, peaches, and pears cold and fresh, while the tender carries coal that burns in the fire box, and--everyone's favorite--the caboose holds the train crew that helps deliver the freight. A continuous track runs through the book, with connecting brightly colored train cars. An appealing concept, executed simply and pleasingly, *Inside Freight Train* can't miss with the train-loving masses. Caldecott Honor winner Donald Crews (*Truck* and *Freight Train*) has a way with heavy machinery and young readers. (Ages 2 to 5) --Emilie Coulter

In Donald Crews's *Inside Freight Train*, a board book based on the Caldecott Honor book *Freight Train*, children can slide open the doors of each train car. Inside, the pages explain what usually travels on a freight train, "like toys and books,... / apples and peaches and pears/ cold and fresh." This twist on an old favorite is sure to be a hit. ( Mar.) Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The original of this book is one of the favorites of the little boy I babysit. When I saw this I thought it would be a great follow up. He likes it but doesn't quite understand as he is 2 1/2. I love the concept though!! He will eventually understand since he loves trains and I don't see that changing :)

Concept is interesting. The pages slide out from the center to reveal car content, but are difficult for little ones to manage. The story is preschool aged appropriate but the skill to manage sliding the pages is not obtained at same age.

I already wrote a review on this product but am still unable to edit: mentioned a slight problem but the seller contacted me instantly and made it right. I would recommend both this book and seller without reservation. Great companion to the Crews *FREIGHT TRAIN* book. Tells, often with interactive graphics, what's actually inside each train car.

The book "Inside Freight Train" was poorly constructed. My 1 1/2 old granddaughter loved the book at first. She was proud she could independently slide out the pages to see what was inside the train cars. Unfortunately, very soon after I gave her the book, pages fell off their "slide" when the pages opened. I tried to put it back together with my hot glue, and I tried again later with duck tape. Nothing has worked. I have a very disappointed granddaughter. Don't buy the book. It won't withstand the use of the child(ren) for whom it is intended!

My son loved the original *Freight Train* book by Donald Crews, and so we bought him this one, too. The idea for the sliding pages is great in theory, but on our copy they are impossible to pull apart easily (get stuck, don't work properly unless you pull it perfectly straight, which a toddler cannot do). This results in much frustration, many tears, and a book that fell apart after 2 reads. I've glued it back together but it just keeps falling apart and it's still not any easier or more fun to read. And I shouldn't have to keep repairing it. Don't bother buying it, unless you have a toddler that has the motor skills of an adult and never cries about anything that goes wrong.

I originally bought this book at a train museum for my son. He loves that he can pull the book apart to see the insides of many of the train cars. Very cute concept. As some have commented, some of the sliders can come apart (only one did for us--and actually I haven't fixed it yet because it really doesn't fall all apart...but I suppose I should fix eventually for overall longevity) but it's pretty easy to fix with just a dab of glue. (But I knocked it down a star for that.) However, I still would recommend it...especially if you're looking for an inexpensive train-themed gift that's a bit unique. In fact I bought a second one for a co-worker present.

A few of the doors stick and 1 doesn't open all the way. Cute story to build off the original, but my 20 month old has a hard time doing it.

My grandson is into vehicles, especially train. The slide apart doors for the cars show what's inside and he loves it.

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