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Review of *How to Train a Train* by Jason Carter Eaton

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How to Train a Train

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Illustrated by John Rocco

Somerville: Candlewick

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This book personifies trains as pets and features children attempting to “train” their train. All of the trains seem to mimic pet dogs—they make a mess, they need to be on a leash, they make good companions—and the warm illustrations add character to the trains with faces and expressions. While some readers may find the story helpful to teach about training pets, it doesn’t contain anything unique that other stories about pets already offer. Furthermore, several illustrations feature children performing dangerous acts including playing with fire and standing on train tracks to the extent that the author includes a disclaimer in the back.

Not Recommended

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