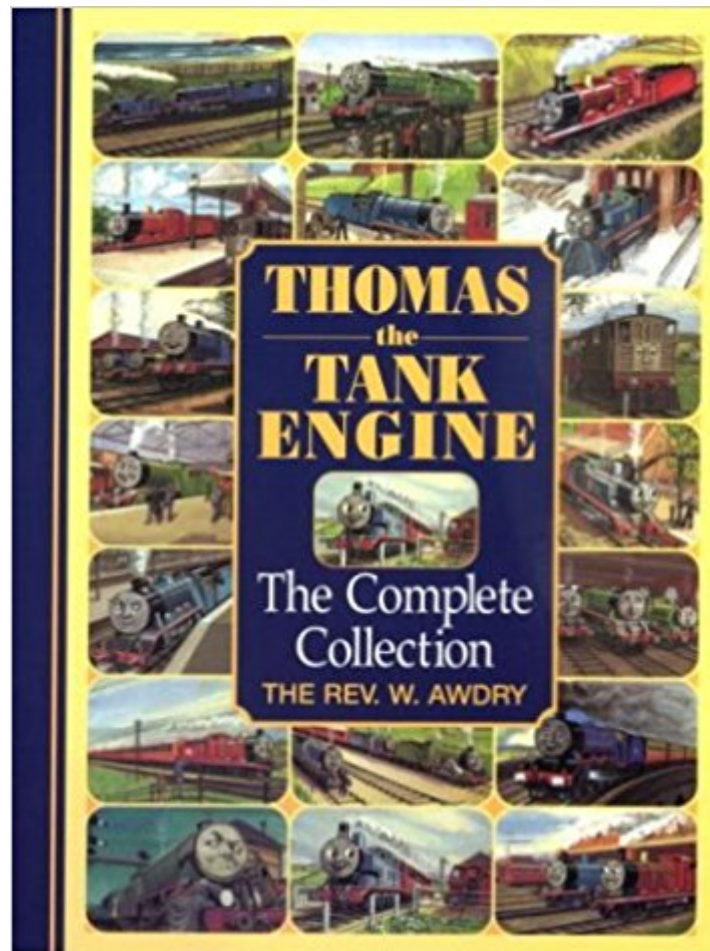




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# Thomas The Tank Engine: The Complete Collection (Railway Series)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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We have struggled through the little board books and other spin-off type stories thinking that this must be the age appropriate version for our children. But I finally figured out exactly what to purchase. I will say, my boys are 2 and 3 and they absolutely love this book as it is. I don't water it down or shorten the stories or just look at the pictures. We have been reading the stories in order and it is an absolute hit. My just-turned-2-year-old gets restless after story number three, but in general, we can read a couple of these stories at bedtime and they will ask for it again and again. I can't believe I didn't buy this sooner. I am miffed that I had to wade through so much

commercializing of the original series before I found the gem that it is.

My 8yo has loved Thomas since he was a toddler. We got this from the library and he loved it. The stories are funny and entertaining and are a challenging read for him. A very good book for kids over 5.

My kid loves Thomas, so I thought I would get the original stories. This book is over 400 pages of Thomas stories with the original artwork, not the modern re-writes. My copy was 20 years old when I got it and I'm sure I'll be reading it to my kid for years to come.

I got this book for my youngest son because the old copy that me and my husband got for him when he was an infant is missing a page, which was the both last page of "Thomas and Gordon" (which was known in the United States version of Thomas and Friends as "Thomas Gets Tricked;" we are American; hence the American title) and the first page of "Thomas' Train" (which was known in the United States version of Thomas and Friends as "A Big Day for Thomas"). My youngest son loves that book, and it is still in proper condition.

BEST BOOK with Thomas stories in it! Follows the timeline of the introduction of the various engines on the Island of Sodor. Great color drawings of the engines! These are the original stories! The GOOD ONES! Not that garbage that has been made up since the original show was aired. No computer-generated pictures here! My grandson just LOVES THIS BOOK!

Reading the train book with the original language was amazing. Brake Vans, Trucks, Chimneys etc... But the best part about it is that if you read between the lines: the trains really have no agency. They are just vehicles. In one story Percy is set to go full reverse, but Percy's crew jumps out... Percy is "unable to stop" because the the crew has abandoned the engine and ends up crashing into a pile of dirt. These are clearly real stories from a bygone era, and a worthwhile read, especially to anyone who has worked at a job with real customers where you sometimes just have to make things work: hope those passengers have a spare bootlace ;-)

If you (or more likely, your child) are a fan of Thomas the Tank Engine, this is the book for you. All of the original stories by the Rev Awdry are here in the one place, so you don't have to remember exactly which book Tenders and Turntables (for example) was in. You should, however, be aware

that some of the illustrations have been omitted to allow each of the stories to fit on three to four pages. They are ageless stories and the fascination with steam engines seems to know no gender boundaries (though Daisy possibly provides scope for an interesting feminist deconstruction) - I read these stories to my daughter and my son and now I read them to my grandson. I think it is the distinctive character of each of the engines, together with the simple morality - typically pride comes before a fall - which makes them so attractive to children. The videos narrated by Ringo Starr have also been great favourites and are pretty faithful to the original stories.

This is a wonderful collection of the original 26 stories. The layout is easy to read even though combined with two or three pictures per page. My son received the book for his 3rd birthday and he loves listening to the stories. We usually read one or two at a time and they keep his attention and is engaged. They are just the right length for him right now. I also enjoy the original language that isn't simplified or dumbed down like the "Thomas and Friends" series. I wanted to get the individual books, but the price of this collection let us get all the stories at once.

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