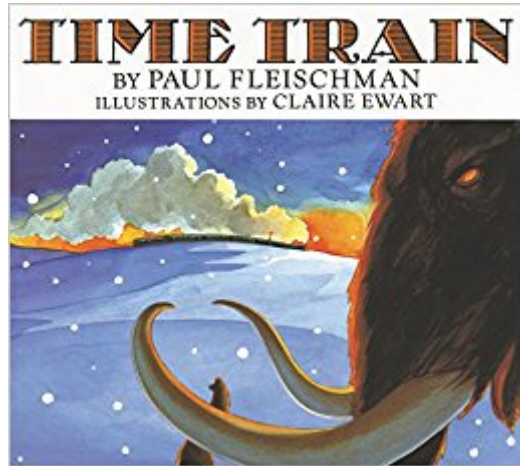




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Time Train



Synopsis

Miss Pym's class is in for a comic adventure beyond their wildest dreams. They've boarded the Rocky Mountain Unlimited, a mysterious train that's winding its way into the heart of prehistoric times. Join the class-and a horrified Miss Pym-as they scramble dinosaur egg for breakfast, go stegosaurus-back riding and pterodactyl gliding, and play soccer with their giant reptilian friends.

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"Fleischman's understated text sets up the illustrations as punch lines in this tongue-in-cheek time-travel adventure," said PW . Ages 5-9. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-- Does the Polar Express rust idly for 364 days a year? Or does it perhaps run off-peak as the Time Train, a.k.a. the Rocky Mountain Unlimited ? A class trip from New York to the Dinosaur National Monument stays on track geographically, but chronologically it's a bit of a surprise. Horse-drawn carriages, Civil War officers, and herds of bison mark the turning back of the clock, accelerated when an Ice Age snowscape and woolly mammoth pass by. The final destination is damp and tropical--but swarming with dinosaurs. With study projects (on live subjects) and play, the days pass--until one morning the train returns to take them home. The text maintains an ironic reserve, never commenting directly on the unusual circumstances depicted. Ewart's warm

watercolors brighten the simplified volumes that recall Van Allsburg's style. Young passengers who seasonally line up for The Polar Express should be delighted with a year-round excursion on The Time Train.-Patricia Dooley, University of Washington, SeattleCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Granddaughter enjoyed the concept of "history" in pictures.

My son enjoyed the book.

I was fully satisfied with this purchase, but I knew what I was getting before I ordered. My grandson was given an old copy of the book with some pages missing, so we had to find out what we missed. It's not a long book, but very imaginative - it gave us a lot to talk about. He loved it.

This book is an exciting read for children. My grandson is 3 yrs old and just loves this book. The pictures are wonderfully done.

On the whole, both my kids and I love this book. It's whimsical, imaginative, and humorously understated in the text. But for all the story's creative license, there is one thing I cannot abide: No train, not even a magic one, is going to pass through Philadelphia and Pittsburgh if it originated at Grand Central! If starting the story there was that important to the plot, they could have used Poughkeepsie (or a wrong turn on the way...!) and Buffalo instead. Or, if going along the Northeast/Keystone Corridor was the priority, they shouldn't have shied away from the dank dungeons of Penn Station! Let's be honest with the reader, shall we? Don't punish the train-minded parent for the sins of the mid-20th-century urban planners who demolished the original building! Apart from that, it's great. A bedtime story mainstay.

The story begins at a train station in New York city. A teacher and her class are going on a field trip to Utah. As they travel further and further from New York, they look out the window and see earlier and earlier periods of time. In Philadelphia, they see horse-drawn carriages and women in long skirts. In Pittsburgh Civil War Union soldiers board the train. By the time they reach Utah, they are in prehistoric times. I checked this book out of the library after hearing about it on Reading Rainbow. After reading it to my 3 and 5 year olds, I realize that this was really not for their age-group. Too many conclusions must be drawn by looking at the pictures. It left them thinking, "I don't get it."

Maybe I'll try again when they're older.

This is a very fun story with beautiful pictures. My 2.5 year old loves both trains and dinosaurs so I feel very lucky to have found this book!

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