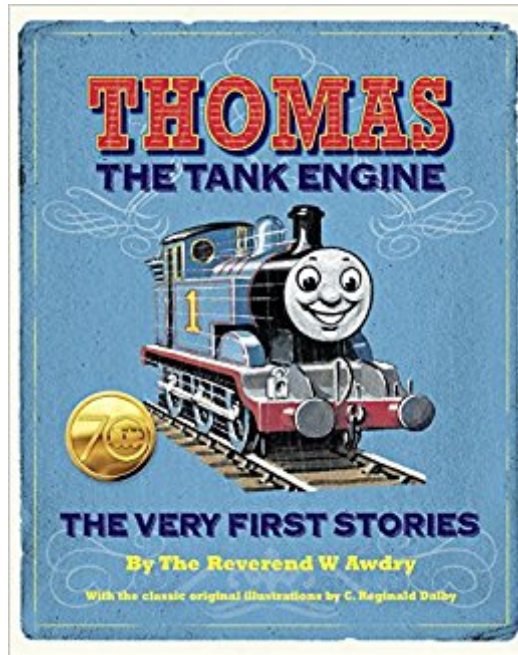




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# Thomas The Tank Engine: The Very First Stories (Thomas & Friends)



## Synopsis

With the first four tales ever written about Thomas the Tank Engine and illustrated with the art from the original book, this hardcover storybook is a must-have for every Thomas & Friends fan! First published in 1946, the stories launched Thomas firmly into the hearts of countless train-loving little boys and girls and their families, where he has remained ever since. This beautifully designed new version of timeless favorite tales makes it a classic for today, tomorrow, and always!

## Book Information

Series: Thomas & Friends

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Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 100 customer reviews

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I've never bought a golden book that I wasn't happy with or that my sons didn't like. Been buying these for years and have some that are very old. They hold up like no other!

There's something about old school, slower paced childrens storytelling that is very appealing. For parents who want to get away from modern, hyper-active childrens stories and entertainment, this is a good collection to own. The books are divided into fairly short chapters, making it ideal to do a chapter each night with younger kids. As kids get older, it's not impossible to do a book per night. It's important to note that these books are designed for small hands and are roughly the size of a postcard. Based on other customers' reviews, I believe some people were expecting the books to be a little bigger. However, the smaller size makes reading easier on both the adult reader and

the (eventual) child reader. Another important aspect to highlight is that these books are the collected works of the Railway Series, not Thomas and Friends. Buyers should not expect the books to read like the television program, nor should they expect the focus of stories to revolve around Thomas. I would compare it to the difference between Milne's Winnie the Pooh tales and Disney's version. While sharing a common DNA, the works should be approached as separate works. In conclusion, this is a timeless, wonderful set that should be enjoyed by multiple generations.

Bought the gift set of books for our grandson. They fit nicely in the box and are easy to get in or out. The box is very durable. The books are from the original writing. These are books that will need to be read to a child which is a wonderful thing to do. By the time a child can read them they will be too old for Thomas. Some references are English (England) but can add conversation with a child explaining that some words have different meanings in other countries. I wish the son Christopher Adwry who wrote books number 27 - 42 also offered a gift set in the box like this. They are expensive but will be nice to share with future generations.

Update: After I left the review (below), seller contacted me by email and apologized for the book not matching the description. It was an honest mistake, and he/she offered to let me send the book back for a full refund. I didn't because it's a good book, and my son likes it. I very much appreciated the seller reaching out to me. She stated that she will be fixing the listing so that it will be accurate for future shoppers. I was very disappointed when I received this book. It states that it is the "Face Board Book Series". That's not true. It is from a different series, which means it's a totally different book than described. The Face Series books are like the ones pictured in this listing. They have giant 3D faces that make sounds when touched. I was trying to replace a special book (like the one pictured and described) that I have had since 2010. Sure, the listing says that the cover may not be the same. An updated cover would've been okay. This wasn't an updated cover. It is a completely different book series and a totally different story inside. It is not an updated version of the Face Board Book Series as described. The book I received is okay, but I could've gotten it for \$5-6 with free shipping. Because of the inaccurate description, series listing, and photo in this listing, I gladly paid extra for the book and even paid shipping costs when I am a Prime customer. I never pay shipping, but I was happy to in this case to get such a sought-after replacement to my little boy's old book. Needless to say, I was bummed when I opened the package to see a totally different book. It's a good book, but it wasn't what I was looking for.

I love that this is the original oldy-timey version of the Thomas stories. My son loves the illustrations. The size is easy to handle. There are about 3-4 stories per book.

If you have a kid who is obsessed with the movie, this book is another way to entertain them. It's a little long for a bedtime read for me, but I like short books at night. You'll find yourself reading this over and over to your little one, all day long. It's well written and follows the movie pretty closely.

My son likes that the book is in the shape of James and there are pictures of the train on each page. For me, I think it is too wordy compared to other Thomas books. I feel like the text is geared toward ages 5 and up; although, he always asks for me or my husband to read it. His favorite part about the book are the "real" wheels.

My 22 month old loves Thomas. We already had the shorter version of this story and he loved that. This version is much longer and the pictures are great. He loves this one just as much as the others. Great story, great pictures, great book. Made in USA.

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