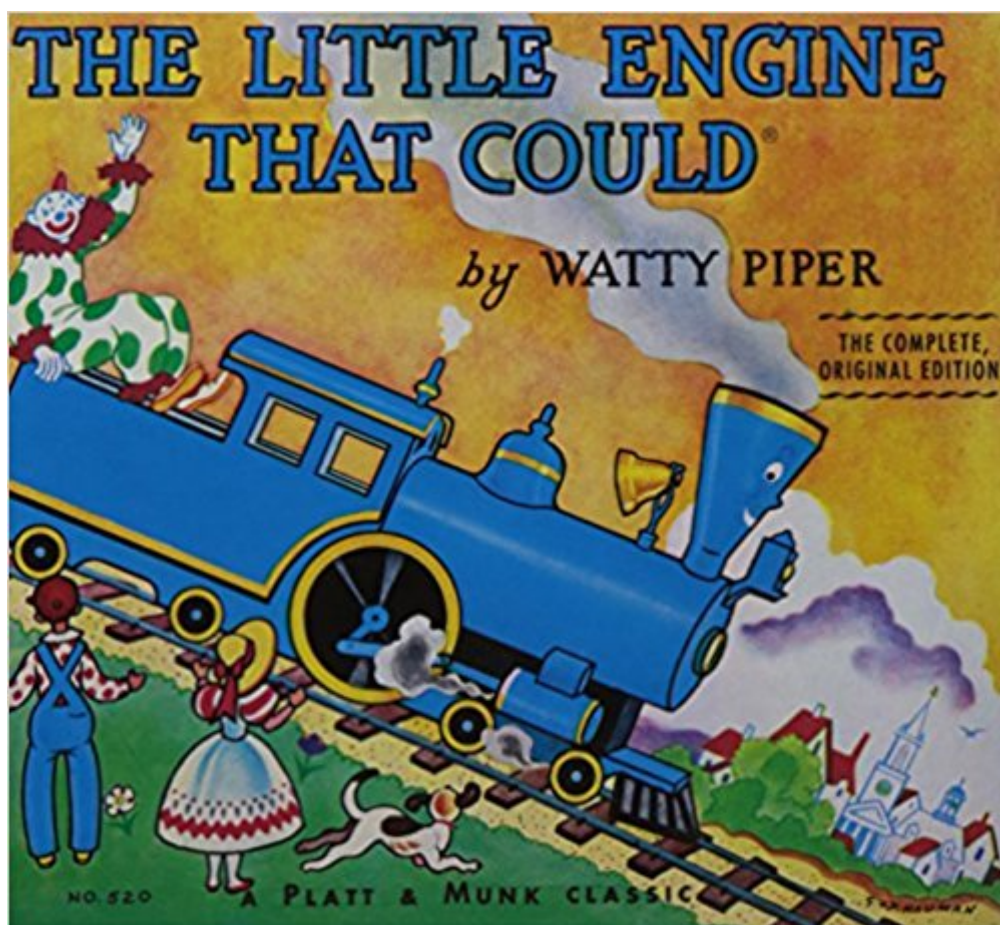


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# The Little Engine That Could (Original Classic Edition)



## Synopsis

The story of a train filled with toys and gifts for little boys and girls that breaks down before reaching the children. After asking several passing trains for help over the hill, a little blue train agrees to help the stranded toys. Even though she is small, the blue train tries her best to bring the toys to the children on the other side of the hill.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The unknowing progenitor of a whole generation of self-help books, Wally Piper's *The Little Engine That Could* is one of the greatest tales of motivation and the power of positive thinking ever told. In this well-loved classic, a little train carrying oodles of toys to all of the good boys and girls is confronted with a towering, seemingly impassable mountain. As nicely as they ask, the toys cannot convince the Shiny New Engine or the Big Strong Engine--far too impressed with themselves--to say anything but "I can not. I can not." It is left up to the Little Blue Engine to overcome insurmountable odds and pull the train to the other side. *The Little Engine That Could* is an entertaining and inspirational favorite, and the Little Blue Engine's rallying mantra "I think I can--I think I can" will resonate for a lifetime in the head of every child who hears it. (Ages 4 to 8)

PreSchool-Grade 2  This classic tale has been re-released with updated illustrations and a

larger format. The text remains the same. The art, done with acrylics, is stylized and still retains a bit of an old-fashioned flavor. Nevertheless, the '30s look is definitely gone. In its place, readers will find artwork suggestive of a retro '50s look. As with the original, the clown takes center stage. His outfit, however, has changed from green polka dots to red pants, yellow shirt, and a colorful stocking cap. The text, with its, I think I can, I think I can refrain, is a timeless piece of children's literature and so familiar that it needs no elaboration. It's hard to improve upon a classic, and one advantage that the traditional edition has over this one is that the quaint and sentimental text pairs nicely with the antique artwork. The modern illustrations undoubtedly work better with a group but they have a faux feel to them. As such they are a little out of sync with the prim and proper style of writing in the story about the good little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain [who will be] without the wonderful toys to play with and the good food to eat. Nevertheless, this is an acceptable purchase, especially for those libraries without a copy of the first edition or larger libraries wishing to collect all versions of classic tales.

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As a young boy growing up I did not have many books read to me before I went to bed. I wish this one could have been there for me to inspire me, as it has so many others over the years. I would hear about the title "The Little Engine That Could." To no avail, it would take me well into my adult life for me to finally pick up "The Little Engine That Could." Now I realize how powerful a phrase, ("I think I could" "I think I could") seeped into the mind of many to spur them on in life. For me it is still not too late to acquire positive reinforcement. "The Little Engine That Could," should be read and reread over the years for an effectual attitude. It is never too late "What The Mind of Man Can Conceive and Believe, The Mind Can Achieve." Thanks, to the "Little Engine That Could."

Such a great book! Classic and must have for your little one's collection. My son especially loves trains so this is definitely one of his favorites. My son tends to get frustrated easily and wants to give up without trying a few times often and my husband and I always love how this book teaches kids to keep trying and believe in themselves. We always loved it as a kid and now our little ones get to enjoy it as well. Highly recommend.

This is a beautiful book - lovely illustrations with the classic, inspirational story. I always give this along with other baby gift items. This story has been the most inspirational little piece of "literature"

for me all of my life.

My grandchildren love the illustrations. The pictures are so good that even the younger non-readers can look at a page and know how to tell what is happening, and "read themselves a story." The cardboard is strong enough to resist the little hands, but not clumsy. We have made a game of chanting the refrain quicker and quicker, until success, and sometimes, I even hear them applying it to when going gets rough....

Great story but the product description needs work. This book was so small, when I opened my package I almost mistook it for an advertisement thrown in with the order. It's literally the size of a thinner CD case, not the thicker case normally seen with music CD's for those of you that still buy those. Also, this book is the "Abridged Edition", which is in the picture but unless you were looking for it specifically, it's too small to notice. Not sure why you'd want an abridged version of this book, it's a children's book, how much shorter do you need it to be? If you want a travel size book that isn't very bulky or heavy, then this is the book for you. If you want something large enough to read to your child and see large pictures, look for a normal sized book.

I didn't realize this is a mini booklet, when I ordered it I thought it was the regular sized book, but other than that it is very interesting, my 4 and 6 year old boys love it

My mom used to read me this when I was very young. And, I think that phrase "I think I can, I know I can" has followed me throughout my years. A wonderful lesson to learn at a young age. One must believe in order for things to come true! Absolutely love this book and the drawings. Most highly recommended.

This was a favorite when my children were little so I bought it for my grandson. Nice story and the book is a good addition to any kid's library.

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