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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim is playing with cars and trains
in the backyard.

Kim makes a smooth road
with the shovel . . .



... and a bumpy train track
with the rake.



Kim fetches boxes for houses and sticks for trees.



Here come the animals!

Now Kim fills a saucer with water.
What a good lake!



Leaf boats float on the water.



Follow me to
the Guide for
Caregivers!



Watch out for the hippo, Carrots!

Bulldozer

by Cathey J. Widell ✨ Art by Tim Coffey

Bulldozer makes a great loud sound,
Rumbling, grumbling over the ground.
Pushing rocks and pushing stumps,
Pushing dirt in great big lumps,
Pushing all into a mound,
Rumbling, grumbling over the ground.





Mama Comes Home

by Louise O. Young ✨ Art by Amanda Haley



On a walk in my stroller and what do I see?
A black crow cawing in a cottonwood tree.

On a walk in my stroller and what do I see?
A purple flower leaning with one lonely bee.



On a walk in my stroller and what do I see?
A green car beeping three times at me.





On a walk in my stroller and what do I see?
My red-haired Mama smiling happily.

A FIRST CONCEPT
Traffic Lights

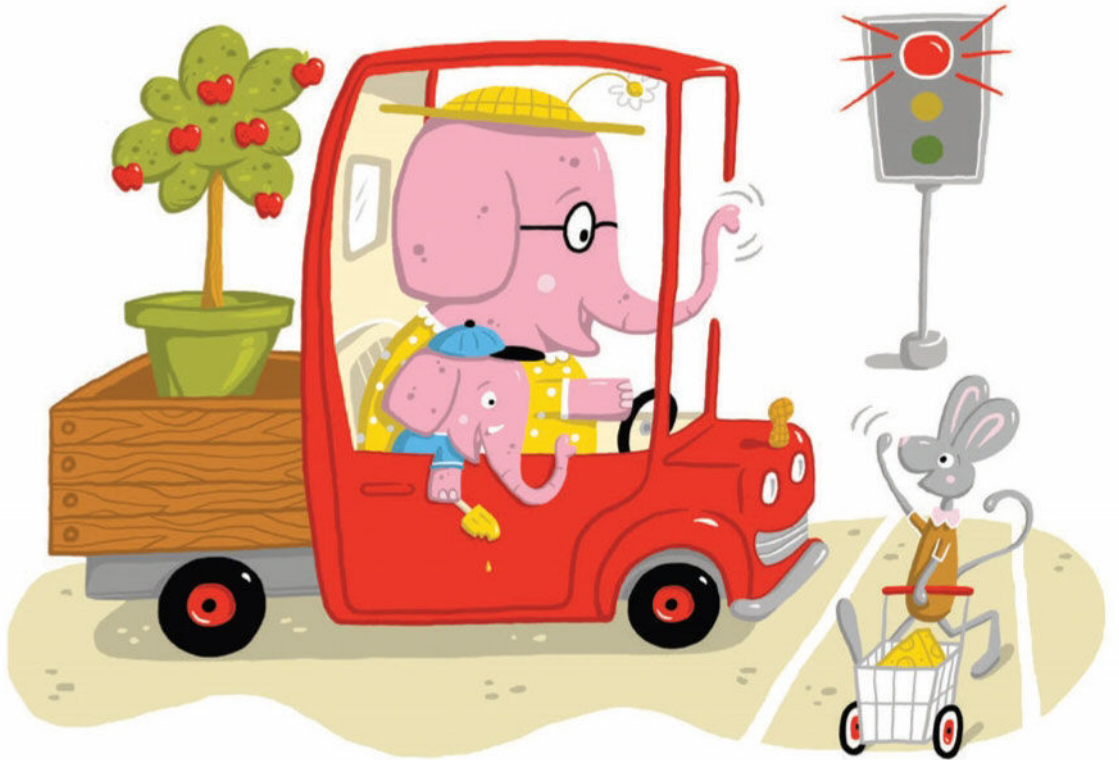
by Maria D. Laso ✨ Art by Tim Nihoff



Light turns green, and cars can go.



Yellow light says, "Take it slow."



Red means “Stop and wait your turn,”
a lesson everyone must learn.



At the Railroad Crossing

by Cindy Breedlove ✨ Art by Holli Conger



What do trains do?
They go *choo-choo*,
chug-a-wug-a wooo wooo,
speeding on their way to



somewhere else—fast.
Watch them rush past.
They're chugging full blast,
zipping by us at last!





LET'S EXPLORE
On the Move



On your
mark, get
set . . . go!



And we're off.
Faster, faster!



by Anna Eidelman

We are
a team!



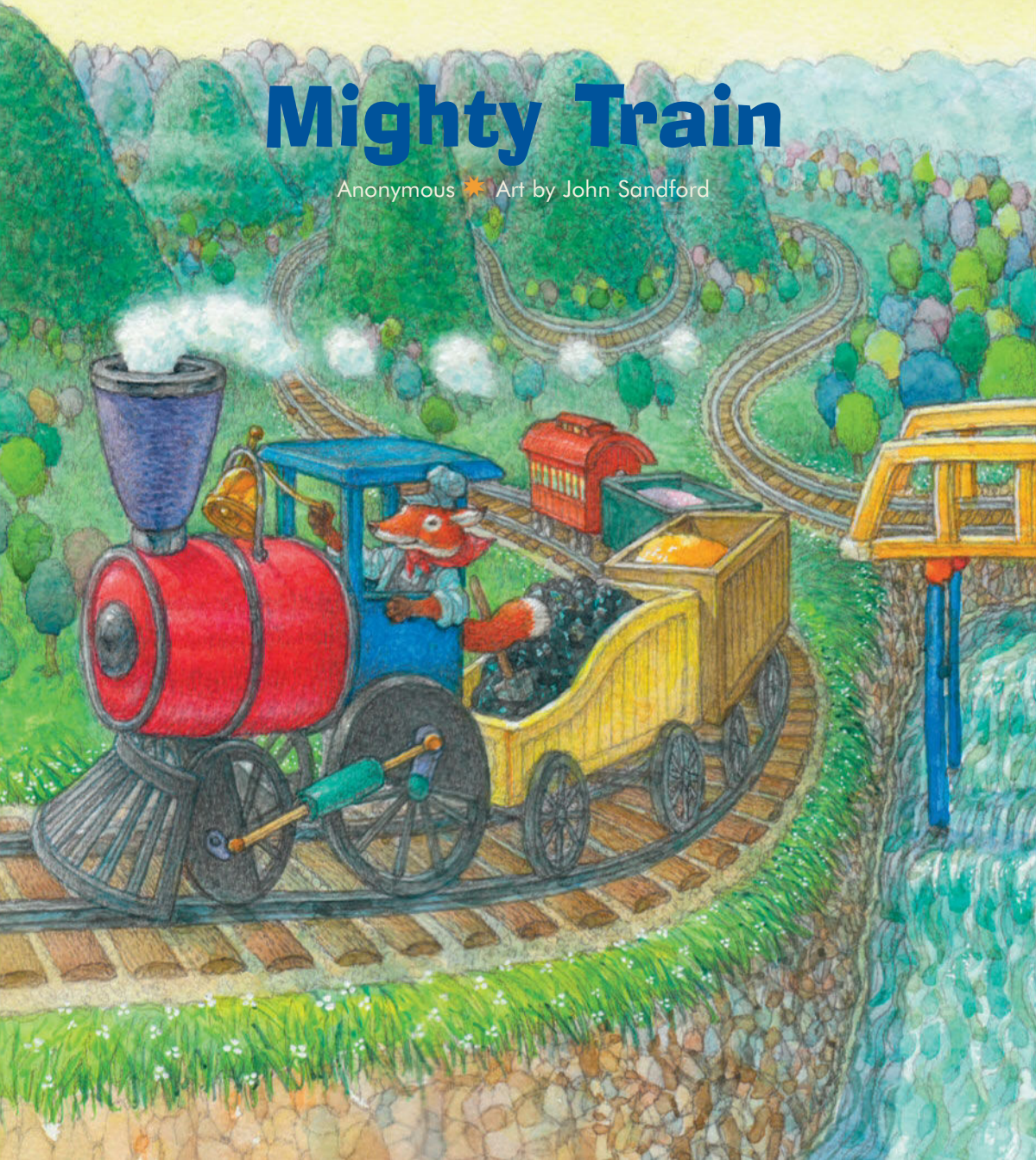
Almost there.
Beep-beep!



I like to race!

Mighty Train

Anonymous ✨ Art by John Sandford





This is a mighty train,
Puffing down the track.



Now it's going forward,
Now it's going back.



Now the bell is ringing,
Now the whistle blows.



What a lot of noise it makes,
Everywhere it goes.

Sing a Song of Sirens

by Pamela Love ♦ Art by Rob McClurkan

Sing a song of sirens!

Whee-oo, whee-oo, whoo!

Fire trucks, police cars,
Ambulances, too.

Sirens are the way they say,
“Here we come! Help’s on the way.”





BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “watch me go” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: Sand and dirt, like other natural play materials, offer endless possibilities. In this story, Kim’s play with a toy car on a loosely packed hill of sand sparks the creation of a whole system of highways and railroads, homes, and even a lake. While scooping, smoothing, and raking, Kim is also problem solving, experimenting, and learning.

2. Bulldozer: Poetry often gives voice to life’s meaningful experiences. And when you’re a toddler, a meaningful experience might very well include the day you watched a rumbling, grumbling bulldozer. Let the hidden actor in you come forth when you read this poem to your child. You will never have a more enthralled audience.

3. On the Move: As you can see from this story, toddlers love to take a spin on their own set of wheels! They’re capable of using riding toys after they’ve learned to walk well. If you plan to purchase one, take your child along for a test drive so you can be sure the toy is the right height and won’t tip over. And don’t be surprised if your child moves backward on that first ride. Most do. Once they’re headed the right way, toddlers rarely alternate their feet the way older children do. They zoom along by pushing with both feet together.

– Sally Nurss, M.Ed.



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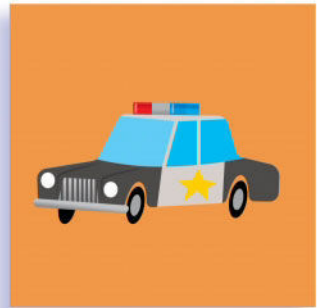
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for caregivers

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