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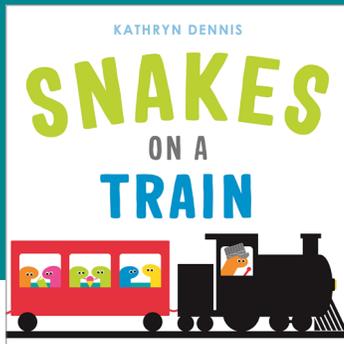
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## Book Review

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### Author

Kathryn Dennis

### Illustrator

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### Reviewer

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### Rating

Dependable

### Level

Toddler, Preschool

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### Pages

32

### Year

2018

### ISBN

9781250304407

### Publisher

Feiwel & Friends

All aboard! *Snakes on a Train* by Kathryn Dennis takes you on a playful railway journey with everyone's favorite slithering reptile. Upon boarding the train, the passengers find themselves encountering things like a runaway pig on the track, a dark tunnel, and a tall bridge overseeing swimming fish. As the train pulls into the station and retires for the night, the snakes all curl up to sleep.

This picture book is simple, colorful and sweet. The sibilant sounds of the hissing train and slithering snakes make it a joy to read aloud; much of the charm of this book would be taken away without its verbalization. The digital illustrations are minimalist, yet colorful and creative. The straightforward illustrations match the simplicity of the story. Unfortunately, that simplicity makes for a story that's lacking in substance or flair. It wasn't quite silly enough, or story-driven enough to make a real impact. Had the book leaned into its simple nature and been more of a primer, perhaps emphasizing something like prepositions or things seen from a train, it may have felt more appropriate. All in all, it's a cute book for young kids, but not necessarily a memorable or dynamic one.