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The Train to Impossible Places:The Great Brain Robbery

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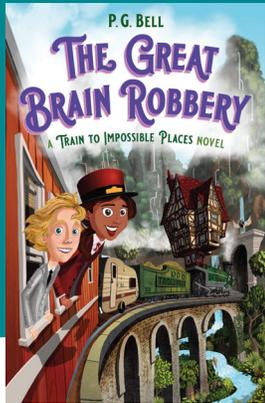
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Book Review

The Train to Impossible Places #2: The Great Brain Robbery

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate

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384

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Feiwei and Friends

When an earthquake stops the relaunch of The Impossible Postal Express, Suzy realizes her second stay in Trollville won't be quite what she expected. While helping to find parts to fix up the rest home, Suzy overhears something terrible. The person who caused the earthquake is going to cause another one. She decides to do something herself after discovering that those in charge can't do anything. Traveling with her friends to a farm filled with treasure and a cave believed to be fiction, Suzy and the group gather enough clues to figure out who's behind the earthquakes so they can save Trollville from impending doom.

The Great Brain Robbery is a thrilling addition to The Train to Impossible Places series. This second book in the series has enough background information, and the storyline is different enough that readers new to the series will not get lost or confused. The fantastical elements create a world filled with wonder and imagination, and they are written in such a way that makes the impossible make sense in the context of the story. Readers ages eight to twelve would enjoy this book, since the main characters experience many of the struggles that age group faces. It also has some good messages as the characters learn to do what's right, even when it's difficult, and decide when some secrets are okay to share with parents. This is certainly a fun read and would be perfect for a light bedtime read-aloud.