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## **The Fire Engine Book Details**

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# From Reader Review The Fire Engine Book for online ebook

## Kristine Hansen says

This book was a lot of fun to pick up just for the details in each picture. I love the glimpse into times gone by and the old styles of fire engines and people's dress was enjoyable just for that. There's plenty of vivid pictures and enough excitement in the storyline itself to make this book interesting to the child, giving this book a certain value even now so many years after it was first written.

I love these old vintage Little Golden Books. Some of them bring back happy memories of my own childhood. Some, like this one, give a new/old sense at the same time that brings a smile to my face, and allows me a step back to a simpler time. This is just lots of fun to read!

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## Emerson and Theodore says

A Christmas gift from Grandma. He loves it. On Christmas eve, Uncle Jimmy explained to Emerson how the pumper truck interacts with the other truck. Also, on a recent episode of Pawn Stars, mommy learned about why engines were called "Hook and Ladders". Apparently FDNY would pull down burning buildings by grappling on to the building's hook in order to spare the adjacent buildings.

This Little Golden Book--written in 1950--captures all these elements and makes for a very exciting read for a young fire truck enthusiast!

Emerson demanded a re-reading of this book 3 times this morning. With only one or two sentences per page, but with very exciting drawings, this made for an easy task. A classic.

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## Roger says

Great story and drawings for young readers. Unfortunately it was written in 1950 and everyone (fire men and ordinary people) is white. There are also no fire women, which I'm guessing may have been mostly true in 1950.

I look for picture books I could give to the children of my clients, and I don't think I'd feel comfortable giving it to any of them.

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## Brianna Crall says

Zane enjoyed the story about fire trucks.

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## Josiah says

It's nice to see that Little Golden Books continue to be published, especially earlier titles like this one that are

so different in style from the picture books that see publication today. *The Fire Engine Book* allows the youngest children a look into what firemen actually do on a call, but without being at all frightening; no people are seen inside of the burning building, and the personal belongings that the fireman save from inside the place are humorous.

I like reading nice, old-fashioned books like this one, books that haven't lost any of their value no matter how long ago they were published. *The Fire Engine Book* is very simple, without a real narrative, but I enjoyed it. I'd give it one and a half stars.

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### **John Yelverton says**

I would just sit and stare at the pictures in this book for hours. A must have for young boys.

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### **Megan Mandl says**

Personal Response: This book is fairly simple, but if utilized correctly, I see interesting possibilities with it. I see the most possibilities with reading aloud. The pictures take up the majority of the pages and are action-packed. They have lots of details and bright colors that will keep the children interested.

Purposes:

- ages 3-6

Read Aloud for Enrichment:

- this book would be perfect to have children reenact because there is tons of action
- can ask children what they know about firefighters (what do they do? would you ever be a firefighter?)

Read Aloud for Curricular Purposes:

- learn about onomatopoeia (clang, crash, chop)
  - could be used in a unit about communities
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### **Heather says**

When Paul discovered this book, he asked for it 9 times in a row which was weird since he has never seen a fire truck. The appeal seems to be the clock on the fire house wall. He likes clocks. And the picture of the fireman jumping out of the window with the puppy in his arms. The picture made him laugh. Who knows why?!? Babies are weird. And he thinks the dog looks like our dog. He points to the dog and says "Ca!" The colors are right, so OK. I guess it's nice that it makes him happy that our dog is being saved from the burning building? He also likes the picture of the guitar, another thing he has limited experience with. I say again, babies are weird!

The illustrations are very rich and vintage, lots for a baby to look at. Lots of good noises to make. I'm really tired of this book.

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## Lauren says

Cute book for young children!

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## Scott says

This was my favorite book when I was about 4. I had it memorized, so when my Mom read it to me, I would say the words with her. I keep this one on the coffee table in my therapy office as a book that is good for beginning readers. When there are behavioral problems with a child, one thing that sometimes suffers is the parent-child bond, because like in a couple relationship, the ratio of positive to negative interactions is critical to developing a stable and satisfying relationship. I emphasize increasing positive interactions, such as one-on-one time, that can include reading, to help balance the positive-to-negative ratio (I recommend 5-to-1, the same ratio that is critical to a marriage surviving, according to John Gottman's research). In therapy, I have the parent and child do some positive reading time together to model what this is like and troubleshoot any issues that can interfere with this relationship-nurturing activity, then have them go home and do it. I recommend at least 30 minutes per day, each day, while behavior problems are still heavy, which can decrease to a few times per week as things improve. This one-on-one time should not be behavior-contingent: the child shouldn't be able to lose it because of misbehavior.

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## Shawn Thrasher says

This one is all about the illustrations, which are classic mid-century modern children's picture book pictures. The Fire Engine Book isn't going to change anyone's life, but future fire fighters will probably enjoy it (what do I mean probably: I know they will; I was a children's librarian for nearly 15 years, and boys, and some girls, LOVE firetrucks and fire fighters). Modern parents will probably want to remind their tykes that 1. In 1950, not everyone was white and 2. Anyone can be a fire fighter, not just boys. Guess what though - Little Golden Books were never revolutionary screeds, or even vaguely progressive; the most out there Little Golden Book was probably *The Monster at the End of this Book*, and that was published 20 years after this one (and it's not even that far out, other than it's wild and weird meta-ness that changed children's literature FOREVER; yeah, a Little Golden Book did THAT; in your face Anne Carroll Moore). Garth Williams had trouble with putting black and white rabbits together, let alone people - so I'm going to cut Tibor Gergely a little slack.

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## Angie says

**Synopsis:** *"Children will feel as though they are riding the big red fire engines and hearing the "clang, clang" of the bell! Large-scale, active pictures will transport young readers to the scene where they'll see brave firemen connect hoses and save the day. A Little Golden Book Classic!"*

**My Review:** This is such a classic Golden Book, I remember reading it when I was a kid at my grandparent's house. Munchkin is huge into fire trucks so this was a perfect one to share with him. The old style of fire engine sparked some interest and may lead to a visit to a fire station museum. Munchkin enjoyed telling me his own version of the story and how the firemen were helping people.

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**Bonnie Tesch says**

This joined the ranks of stories told not-quite-as-written in our house. From about page one, the firemen were responding to the dance alarm. The hoses were for the dancers who had gotten sweaty. Things being thrown out the window were in the way of the pastry.

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**Caitlin Hawk says**

I remember reading this book a kid. I remember learning about onomatopoeia's and reading this book as well. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a cute book and a good laugh.

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**Trish says**

This is a story about fireman.

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