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Matt loves fire trucks, and one morning when he wakes up, he is a fire truck--right down to his hoses, hooks, and ladders! His wheels and sirens couldn't be handier for performing many important duties around the house, especially rescuing teetering teddy bears or precariously placed pets. And a gatefold spread of Matt's fully loaded rig will have happy young viewers counting from one to ten--over and over again--in this fun-filled ode to the classic red fire truck by Caldecott Honor-winning Peter Sís.

Fire Truck Details

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Sarah says

A simple book about a boy who turns into (or imagines himself) a fire truck. There is a fold out page where kids can count the equipment, which is nice for the kids who are interested in all the equipment, or interested in practicing their counting. The illustrations are simple and in black, white and red. The illustrations of Matt being a fire truck are a bit on the small side for a storytime read aloud, since there are four illustrations on one double page, but they would work well for a child on a lap. I enjoyed the ending of this book.

Diane says

Matt loves fire trucks so much that one day he wakes up and he IS a fire truck.

Milton Moon Louie says

A little boy's imagination. B

Tiff says

So cute, love the book. Simple yet so awesome. Great for storytime.

Sarah says

ALL IS FIRE TRUCK

FIRE TRUCK IS ALL

Add, ye, all the parts thereupon and BEHOLD:

FIRE TRUCK

Peace be upon you.

Also, maple syrup.

Ashten Wolff says

The little boy becomes a fire truck.

Lizzie says

This board book has a lot going for it. The illustrations are bright primary colors with thick black lines that offers high-contrast images for an infant's developing eyes. It introduces number counting and uses common objects to do so. The images could easily lend itself to ask older babies directions and prepositions. (The pancakes are ON the table. The fire truck is UNDER the table.) Babies love to see themselves and Matt is a pretty unique baby because - spoiler alert everyone- he becomes the fire truck! Overall the fun and creativity is well done for the under 1 crowd.

Amber McFarland says

I did not think this was really that great of a book. The story doesn't really go anywhere, it just ends out of nowhere. The story is about a little boy named Matt who loved fire trucks. He loved them so much that one day he turned into one. He saved a cat, put out a fire, raced down the street, and saved a teddy bear. Then he smelled pancakes and ate them for breakfast and the story ended. To me the ending was confusing but now it's understandable that the story is suitable for ages 1-4. The illustrations were very dull, everything was mostly black and white except for all things related to a fire truck were red and yellow. The cover of the book was boarded with fire trucks which I thought was cute. The book is in landscape orientation which helps the illustrations connect together. According to the copyright page, gouache paint was used for this book.

Drew Graham says

Matt really likes fire trucks. A LOT. Like, so much that he may or may not take on certain physical characteristics of them.

So I'm a little torn about this book because it's kind of funny and has a fun and different illustration style, and of course our in-house fire truck expert (2.75) really likes it (he occasionally asks for "the Matt book"), but the story is so odd and the ending is so sudden it just makes me scratch my head. I guess the moral is that no matter what, kids are kids, which is actually pretty relevant these days.

James says

A little weird that he transforms into the firetruck...even if only in his imagination.

Lily says

I am a sucker for any picture book where children turn into inanimate objects

Souaad Asar says

FIRE TRUCK by Sis, Peter. The book is an imaginative story is about a boy names Matt, who loves fire trucks, wakes up one morning to find that he has become a fire truck, with one driver, two ladders, three hoses, and ten boots. The little boy has a great imagination; he puts out a fire, saved a cat, teddy bear and lots of pretend action as a fire truck. This was one of my son's favorite books when he was two/ three year old. He was extremely crazy about cars, all kind of trucks so it was very easy to relate to. In addition to being able to use his imagination; I also like the fact that counting in incorporated into the story. The concept of book has a great story, easy to understand and to memorize. The artwork is excellent and colorful has a count and learn feature. It is just wonderful for little ones particularly little boys.

kim says

cute, but not into the illustrations

Elena Maddox says

A little boy likes fire trucks so much he turns into one. Good for babies. A little odd.

Mary Peble says

A strange premise, in my opinion. (Suddenly the boy turns into a fire truck? What?)
The pictures are appealing to young children because of their bright simplicity. My son especially enjoys the big fold-out page.
