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Story of a young tugboat.

Little Toot Details

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Kat says

This book goes right up there with “The Little Engine The Could”. Oh the nostalgia.

Erik says

Follows the fairly standard plot of a tiny hero that accomplishes more than anyone thought possible. It's probably too long for a lot of kids, but it's elevated by Gramatky's beautiful water colors.

Karah Webb says

Little Toot was one of the smallest tugboats out there, but he came from a great family of important elder tugboats. Little Toot did not like to tow bigger boats, and would much rather play all day creating figure 8's in the river. One night, he got caught in the middle of a huge storm where others were in danger. Little Toot used his smoke bubbles to create and SOS for others to see far away. Little Toot had saved the day and he was respected from that day forward. This story would be good for a reader who has been reading for a little while because there are a few words that could be difficult to new readers. Also, this book is quite lengthy, so the reader has to be able to follow along well. I liked this book because the lesson was cute.

Charity Yost Reed says

Toots are hard workers, except for the youngest, who is a dilly-dallier. At first big boats don't take him seriously when he sets out to be more responsible, but then he saves the day and shows all the big guys what he's made of.

Greg Strandberg says

I read this book to my son at the library today and it was really good. Little Toot has big waters to fill, with this granddad, an old river tug, and his dad, Big Toot. The drawings are really good and it's nice to see an author able to do something so good, in it's own way.

Certainly a good story well worth reading.

Natalie says

This book is so cute. It's got beautiful and adorable illustrations. The story tells about a little tug boat that

hates to work, but ends up saving an ocean liner and starts to work hard

Julia says

This is definitely a truly older book from the childhood but one that never truly interested me in it. It is interesting to note that so many older books had lessons in them that were sometimes repeated in other reads while I would have to say I got my Little Toot lesson from "Champ: The Gallant Collie", which was geared towards a slightly older audience and had animal suckers (if you don't follow my older reviews then you mustn't know my love affair with the animal kingdom growing up).

The story was pretty decent and had a good idea while I am sure that those who like vehicles may enjoy the story as it is read to them....

KOMET says

Yesterday marked my reacquaintance with "Little Toot", a story I first read decades ago as a child. It's a wonderful, heartwarming story - complete with colorful illustrations - of a little tugboat long used to frolicking on the river among the other, bigger, oceangoing tugboats, who finds himself put to the test one night and discovers much more about himself than he had thought possible.

Elizabeth Sims says

As classic as THE ODYSSEY. Pretty much.

Charles H Berlemann Jr says

I found this with my daughter in the local library. As a kid who grew up on Disney, I know of the classic song and cartoon from the 40s from the movie Melody TimeThe Little House

Linda Gramatky Smith says

OK, of course I love Little Toot because he's been part of my life since I was born! My dad wrote and illustrated it, and in 2007, I was part of getting Putnam to publish this beautiful, vibrant restored edition with the original endpapers and some rescanned or new artwork from the first edition (1939). I love the enthusiasm that readers have for Dad's original watercolors. It's fun to see that others love this mischievous little tugboat too.

John Yelverton says

Such a fun and happy little book that is absolutely perfect for little kids.

Lydia says

Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky is about a little tug boat who enjoys playing in the water instead of working and tugging the big boats. One night he got caught in a storm with some other boats, it was dark and dangerous. Everyone wasn't safe until Toot came to the rescue and used his smoke bubbles to create and SOS for others to see far away. He was the hero for the day and was respected from then on.

This was a very cute, heartwarming story because to me it showed that little things or people can make big differences despite how little you are. I think it sends a great message to young children and it's a book that's full of hope. The illustrations are full of color that make the pages come to life.

Luisa Knight says

Little Toot doesn't like to work. Frolicking along the harbor is way more pleasurable. But then something happens and he learns a valuable lesson about working hard and building a good reputation after messing up.

A good, solid classic to read with your children. It is long, 86 pages, so will take roughly 15-20 minutes to read.

Ages: 5 - 8

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Jami says

Right up there with Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel.
