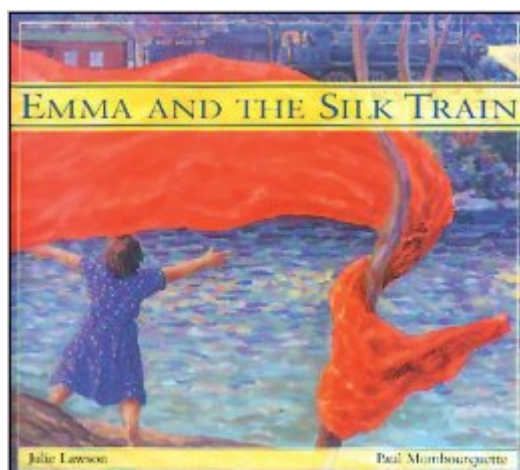


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Emma And The Silk Train



Synopsis

Emma and the Silk Train takes readers back to the early years of the last century when passing high-speed trains brought romance and adventure to small towns in North America. On September 21, 1927, about 160 kilometers east of Vancouver, British Columbia, a high-speed silk train derailed, spilling some of its precious cargo of Oriental silk into the churning Fraser River. Emma's longing for a piece of silk and her determination to have it put her life in danger. This beautifully illustrated story is a fictional account of a little girl's adventure and dramatic rescue, based on an intriguing event in Canadian history.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I found this book while doing some research on children's books, and it was a complete surprise. My grandmother is from the area discussed and used to watch the Silk Train when she was a little girl. She had only mentioned this recently, and my brother and I were interested enough to look on our own, but came up empty. I'm buying three copies, one for my brother, one for me and one for gran!

This historical fiction story is based on the time when silk trains raced across North America with their precious cargo of silk. Emma's father is the station master of one of the train stations on the route and this story is based on the only wreck that occurred during the forty-year era of the silk trains. I am a children's librarian and find that the children are fascinated with this story.

What an interesting book that is based on a true story of a silk train that derailed in 1927 along the Fraser River in Canada. Back then "Silk Trains" would speed through towns across the country to New York carrying bolts of finished silk, raw silk and even carried live silkworms. The silk trains moved very fast, they were insured by the hour and the faster they made it to New York, the shippers paid less money! Even today the speed records these trains made have still never been broken! And all trains, even a royal train was even delayed because the silk trains always came first. I enjoyed this book and its story about a little girl named Emma whose father worked on rail station and knew all about the silk trains. Emma's Mama had made a silk blouse and with the scraps left over Emma had a ribbon for her hair and 3 squares for her patchwork quilt and so began Emma's fascination of silk and wanting more silk possibly her own silk shirt. So, when a silk train derails and a reward is offered for any silk found. She does find some and I really like the ending of this story that is more than a fiction, it's history!

This book is great to teach children not only about the history of silk and how it was carried across the United States but, it also lets readers have a narrative surrounding all the facts.

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