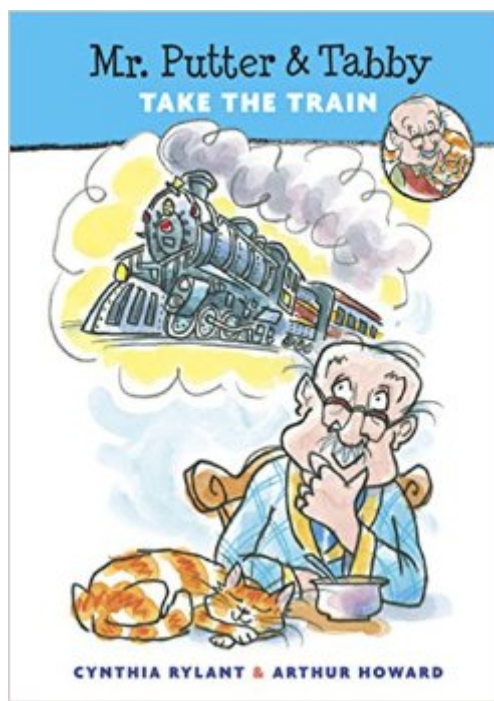


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# Mr. Putter & Tabby Take The Train



## Synopsis

Mr. Putter and his fine cat, Tabby, are going for a train ride with their neighbors, Mrs. Teaberry and her good dog, Zeke. They've planned the perfect afternoon trip. But when they get to the station, they're in for a big surprise: No pets are allowed on the train! It looks like the trip is off, until Mr. Putter comes up with a clever idea.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I love Cynthia Rylant books. I collect them by the dozens for use in my classroom. I was a little concerned with this book because the character was sneaky in getting his pet on the train. I don't like to give my children the idea that it is okay to be sneaky to get by the rules. I'm not sure that I will put this one on my shelf.

I love the series of Mr Putter & Tabby, but this particular book was a little disturbing in the fact that the story has the characters break the rules. They are told pets are not allowed on the train, so they go home and devise a way to sneak their pets onto the train. I was surprised when I was reading this book to my 3 year old grandson. I did not really know what to say when we discussed the story. Breaking the rules is not something that I think should have turned out so wonderfully in this story.

What a shame! I am a huge fan of Mr. Putter and Tabby but this book is a real disappointment. Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry lie, break the rules and have a train ride that they should not have. Very sad.

My granddaughter and I like all Mr. Putter stories, and Mr Putter and Tabby Take the Train is probably our most favorite. I personally like the idea of banana crunchies, eaten in the company of dear Mrs. Teaberry, with our pets, sleeping or tossing the window shade! Excellent story and for those who disapprove of "flexing" rules--my advice, take this story as fiction at its best; kids understand we would not be able to sneak pets aboard a moving train! (most likely) but it does make for fun reading!

I love the Mr Putter books as well as Cynthia Rylant's work in general. This book is a charming addition to the series, and one especially good for kids who love vehicles/trains as my little boy does. \*\*However, if you're trying to be super-careful about what moral messages you send your kids, you should know the plot before you buy this story. Pets are not allowed on trains, so Mr Putter & Mrs Teaberry \_smuggle\_ Tabby and Zeke onto the train with them. Not so good for teaching kids to respect rules...\*\*The bottom line: I read this book with my son because we both enjoy it, but eventually he will start to notice how Mr Putter breaks the rules and we'll have to have a discussion about it.

Our boys were neither discouraged nor tempted to use deceit after reading this one. In fact, they found it funny that Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry were being so naughty. Truth-be-told, their grandparents bend the rules all the time. We turn a blind eye and act like we don't notice the extra treats and desserts and later bedtimes.. This one rang true. This tendency of the elderly to dote on their grandchildren (or pets) is one of the reasons kids find grandparents and older people in general so endearing, they bend the rules... for them. Makes the little guys feel special.

This was the first story that got us hooked on the Mr. Putter and Tabby books :)We found it in hardcover at the library.Such a fun story >:DWe especially love Zeke's traveling jacket ~ complete with doggy lollipops :)What "I" love is that Cynthia Rylant has quite a knack for writing children's books.Her books are so engaging.My daughter (6) LOVES reading her books...Not only is the story magnificent but the artwork is always so crisp, colorful and refreshing...adding so much to the

story. Highly recommend this or any of the other Mr. Putter & Tabby books in the series.

The art is fun and colorful but the story is questionable morally. Basically Mr. Potter and Mrs. Teaberry want to take a train ride, but pets aren't allowed. So what do they do? They sneak in the pets for the 4 hour train ride. Perish the thought they take a seat next to someone with a cat allergy, or if the pets need to relieve themselves, or the dog starts barking, etc. Seems like a better option would have been to find a pet-friendly train instead.

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