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# Dog Train: A Wild Ride On The Rock-and-Roll Side



## Synopsis

Full of attitude, full of fun, and all lit up with star power, Dog Train is a Recording Industry Association of America Gold Album with 600,000 copies in print. Another great book-and-CD production by Sandra Boynton, it features all original songs recorded by big-name acts and great voices. Blues Traveler performs a stomping version of the title song, a moody rock journey that Boynton wrote especially for them. And then there's Alison Krauss with "Evermore." And Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme "really" who do the "Boring Song." The Spin Doctors, who channel rock's rebellious side "with a taste of punk" for "Tantrum": "No No No, I don't want to, I don't want to./No no no, I don't want to, no no./Leave me alone. Leave me alone./LEAVE ME ALONE." And the sweetly unexpected pairing of "Weird Al" Yankovic and Kate Winslet (yep, Kate Winslet) as a duet singing "I Need a Nap." The full-color book features a portion of each song's lyrics set as a little story, illustrated with Boynton's irresistible hippos, cows, dogs, and more dogs. Full lyrics appear in the back.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are a fan of rock and roll this CD is fantastic. The music is superb, the lyrics are witty and fun and the performances are first rate. I just bought it a few days ago and now every time we get in the car my 3 year old is asking for the title song performed by Blues Traveler. "Mama-DOG TRAIN, pweeze!" "Pots and Pans" is a second favorite. He likes the rest of the album too and so do I. Parents, you'll enjoy it just as much as your kids will.

I've been a fan of Sandra Boynton's musical exploits for a few years now, and I own and have given as gifts all her kids albums. It's hard not to compare them to each other, and I think my favorite songs are in her two earlier albums, "Philadelphia Chickens" and "Rhinoceros Tap". Unlike his jaded mom, my 5-year-old son listens with fresh ears, and he tells me that this is the best album yet. He's at the age where every little twist is hilarious, the fact that the Cow Planet songs have 3 episodes like Star Wars makes him flip. His favorite song right now is "Tantrum", and he has been writing the word on little papers all over the house. My favorite song on the album hasn't been given special mention yet by other reviewers - "Dragonfire" - it reminds me of my son who was born year of the dragon, and I love the lyrics and that warm loving feeling it gives me. The other songs, especially "Dog Train", are growing on me as daily my son keeps requesting replays. Without my son's insistence, I probably wouldn't have given the album a second chance, but I'm enjoying it more and more. I agree with other reviewers that a few of the songs seem to sound much like songs on her previous albums, but all creators have a style which persists throughout their work. She's just done enough stuff for us to recognize her signature. When I play it for kids for the first time, they don't think they ARE kids songs at first, especially "Evermore". The song book and cd format is awesome. My son had my husband pick out the notes on our piano, and he loves the idea of music being written down so you can read it. A great introduction to that concept.

We are new to the Susan Boynton audios (but not her books). We didn't even know there were two previous to this cd!! We stumbled upon this in the store while looking for a birthday party gift for my (almost) 3 yr old daughter to give. We bought one for her too hoping to save the rest of us from her other favorite (but highly annoying) kids CDs. It was an instant hit...from our year old daughter tapping her feet, to our seven year old son...he was in stitches listening to Broccoli. We all find ourselves breaking out in lyrics from 'I need a nap'. It's a really fun CD that the whole family has enjoyed singing to and rocking out with in the car together. The only draw back...the songs do get stuck in your head :-)

This is our first CD by Sandra Boynton and collaborators. The lyrics are hilarious and intelligent, and the music a refreshing change from the usual kid's fare. The combination of rock, ballads and lullabies keeps the journey interesting.

I bought this book/CD for my nine-year old son without listening to the CD...strictly on the lyrics for

"Pots and Pans" which was his favorite rainy-day activity as a toddler. I was worried he'd think it was "too young". No way. We love it! My 15 year old has proclaimed it (for the moment) her "favorite CD". 'Dog Train' & 'Pots & Pans' rock out, 'Penguin Lament' makes us giggle, and 'I Need a Nap' is a wonderful parody of every Disney theme song ever written. And 'Evermore' is simply beautiful. Hitch a ride to the Cow Planet and buy this book!

Disclaimer: I'm a male middle-aged Sandra Boynton fan. All the books are in our library.

Philadelphia Chickens is on my iPod (no, Pigorian Chant was STUPID and is NOT on my iPod - I'm not that much of a fanboy). Dog Train has also made it to my iPod. While I would say that none of the songs on Dog Train rise to the level of "Cows", "Be Like a Duck", "Snoozers", and "BusyBusyBusy", it does have some great songs nonetheless. "Tantrum" is very funny. Weird Al & Kate Winslet completely steal the album with my new favorite Boynton song "I Need a Nap". John Ondrasik ("Five For Fighting") in "Penguin Lament" is great. The Bacon Brothers don't disappoint at all with "Pots & Pans". Is it as good as Philadelphia Chickens? No. Is it worth the \$12.00 for the book and the CD? Of course it is.

Not only do my two young boys love every song, not to mention the book, but I find myself listening to many of these songs when I'm alone in my car. That kind of scares me, but I do in anyway. This is our first Sandra Boynton cd, and it won't be our last. I am a big fan. These songs are smart, catchy and just plain good. My kids and I especially like "Penguin Lament", "I Need A Nap" and the title track, "Dog Train". I've never been a fan of Blues Traveler, but I really like this song. The book is visually wonderful and my kids really enjoy reading it. I would strongly recommend this "Dog Train" to everyone who has young children, and even some adults like me who secretly like the songs as much as my kids do.

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