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Justin Time: The Pancake Express



Synopsis

"Remember as a kid when possibilities seemed endless and a cardboard box could transform into a fort, a tank, a mountain, or a Super Mario pipe?... Justin Time is a new animated program for pre-schoolers that brings that boundless creativity to the small screen. The show centers on Justin, a young boy who imagines himself traveling around the world at different points in history." — Torontoist

"Tired of preschool cartoons spending an inordinate amount of time on boring matching games, talking down its audience, or afraid of going out on a creative limb? If so, then meet Justin Time.... The series is about trust and teamwork—whether nestled deep in the jungle or perched high on top of a snowcapped mountain—and the many other elements of friendship most conducive to having a great time (and learning a thing or two along the way). Justin Time encourages a kind of freewheeling imagination that hopes to leave the didactic and lazy storytelling of yester-animation in the dust." — Animation Insider

All aboard! Justin and his pal Squidgy imagine themselves behind the wheel of a classic steam train, delivering important cargo for their friend Olive. But they discover it's not easy getting through the Canadian wilderness. Will their barrel of maple syrup make it to Flap Jack Falls in time for the Pancake Festival? Never give up!

This new series is based on episodes from a popular animated television show, which airs in the United States on weekdays on PBS Sprout and Saturdays on NBC Kids, and debuts in Canada on the Family Channel beginning in September 2012.

"Justin Time is a wonderful series that gives preschoolers a sense of history and all the great things in the world around them – these delightful stories are sure to charm young readers.Ã¢âÂ• — Andrew Beecham, Senior Vice President, Programming for PBS KIDS Sprout

"With easy-to-digest lessons about animals and ecosystems, Justin Time holds preschoolers' interest while imparting knowledge." - Common Sense Media

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-Based on an episode in the animated TV series, this story unfolds at a pace similar to an action-based television cartoon, and the dialogue reads like a script. While playing with a train, Justin and his small pal Squidgy take an imaginary trip. The two scoot across the floor, chugging along in a steam engine. At a station in Canada, they meet their friend Olive, who runs the maple-syrup stop, and Justin and Squidgy take the syrup and Olive to the Flapjack Falls Pancake Festival. Along the way, a tree blocks the tracks, but a friendly beaver and moose use their talents to clear the way. Readers learn about the mechanics of steam engines when the train runs out of coal and wood from the cut tree becomes a substitute fuel. James's colorful cartoon illustrations support the text and vary in size. Those looking for didactic stories will find the plot offers teachable moments on cooperation and transportation, but it is strictly an additional purchase.-Lynn Vanca, Freelance Librarian, Akron, OH (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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I bought this book for my Justin Time-obsessed two-year-old for Christmas. And if your US child is also a fan of Justin Time (thanks Netflix!), you know that there's not a lot of Justin-Time availability here in the States. Two seasons of shows and no merchandise, until now! The book is written and illustrated by the creator of Justin Time. It's a printed form of the "Pancake Express" episode and is pretty spot-on. He loves it!

My son loves Justin and Squidgy, as of now, its his favorite book ! Good illustration and well written.

My son (almost 3 years old) has loved Justin Time since it first appeared on PBS Sprout. The stories and language are a little advanced for him, but they are accessible enough to entertain him and, as a parent, there is a lot to love about this series. I found the book when I went looking for DVDs of Justin Time (which I have not found) and I ordered it just to see how my son liked it. This has become a must-read at every nap-time and bed-time since it arrived. Brandon Scott James' illustrations are terrific and the story is close enough to the TV episode to be recognizable, but different enough to be interesting on its own. Like the series, I think the language and concepts (such as the illustration of how coal is burned to power the steam engine) are probably aimed at an older kid, but I don't mind stretching our son since he seems to grasp it well enough and he is very engaged. The writing in this book is also quite good and certainly advanced enough (with complete sentences and such) to be a good read even for kids with solid reading skills. We love this book! I've just ordered the only other book in this series, but I hope they plan to publish many more. My wife and I feel like this fits well among the wide variety of books we read with our son.

My son is obsessed with the Justin Time tv series. We can't wait for the merchandising to begin in the US, but this book made a wonderful Christmas present. He asks to read it every night at bedtime.

My child loves reading this book!

Great book for my little Jutin Time fan.

5yr Old Grandson loves it

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