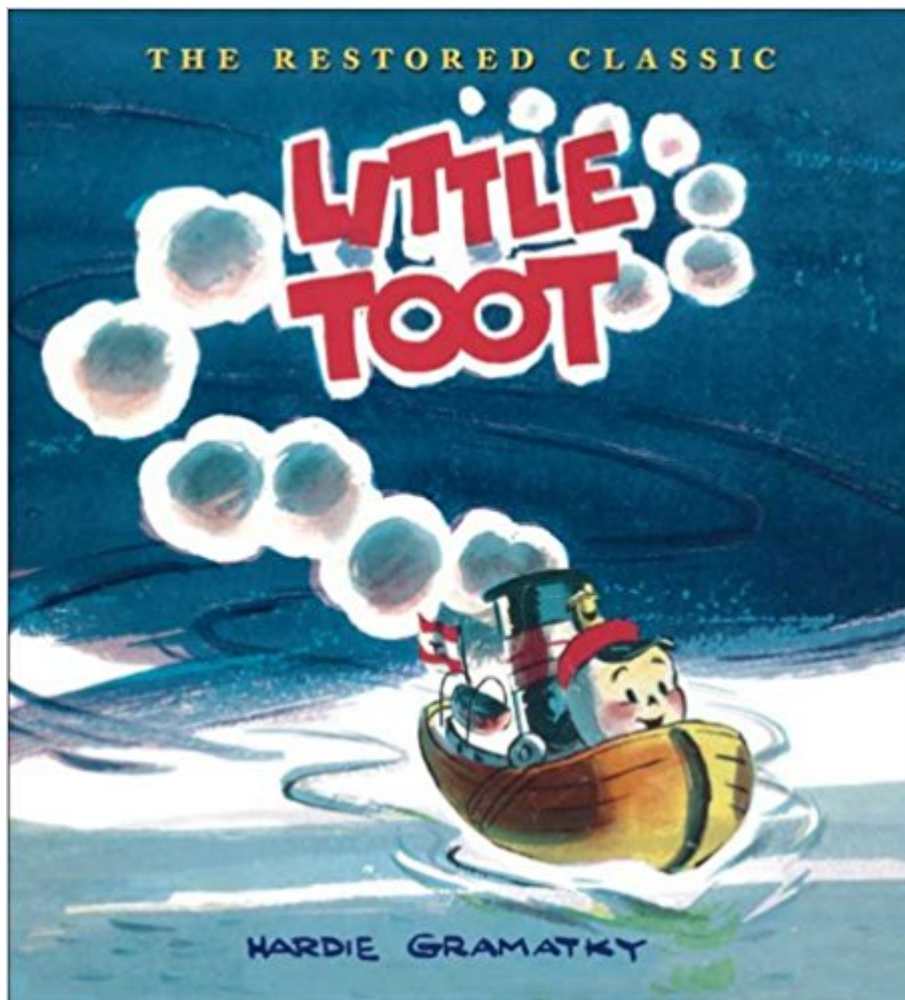




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Little Toot



Synopsis

"I am delighted to know that this classic piece of Americana, Little Toot, will be enjoyed by readers of all ages for years to come." --Eric Carle
First published in 1939, this classic story of the energetic tugboat is brought to new life in this restored edition. With the help and support of Hardie Gramatky's estate, to mark the 100th anniversary of his birth, we have used archived first editions and Hardie's original paintings to restore Little Toot to its full glory, bringing back a richness of color that has been lost in decades of reprintings. This new edition also features several of the artist's full-color manuscript sketches, never before seen in print, and reintroduces the book's exquisite original endpapers.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

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"How delightful to revisit the seaworthy world of brave Little Toot--that little tugboat who proves his courage and earns his manhood riding atop Gramatky's superb, water, wild waves. This book has a sweet innocence and joy that now seems thoroughly lost."--Maurice Sendak

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father died of tuberculosis. He attended Stanford University (earning the tuition by working as a logger and a bank teller) and Chouinard Art Institute before becoming one of Disney's early animators in 1929. In the 1920s and '30s, he helped start the California Watercolor movement. In 1936, after a 6-year Disney contract expired, he left the company (earning \$150 a week, a huge sum in the Depression) to move to New York City with his wife, artist Dorothea Cooke, to become illustrators. It was there, in his studio on Pearl Street, that Gramatky saw a Moran tugboat out his window that obviously didn't want to work and kept making figure 8s on the East River. So in 1939 after painting many watercolors of the busy harbor, Gramatky wondered what would happen if a "tug didn't want to tug" and wrote the story. The book got immediate attention and has been a favorite picture book ever since, and Gramatky's fine art watercolors and giclée prints continue to be prized. He died of cancer of the ileum in Westport, Connecticut, on April 29, 1979.

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I bought this for a granddaughter who loves books. I bought this for her when I saw it was just like the original 1939 book with the same text and pictures. I had this book back in the 50's and loved it. We also had a record which sang the song of Little Toot that I have not been able to find. I would love to find that record. The song started like this.....Little Toot was just a tug, Just a happy harbor tug, And something about he tried but he could never behave.

LOVE this book. I had it as a kid. I read it to my kids. Now I bought it for my nephew. Hope he enjoys it as much as we have!

I am 34 and my grandmother used to read this to me when I was a little boy, it was my favorite story. I recently purchased it for my nephew. The book has been updated with new colors, my version was mainly black and white. The page count is high but the read is very easy and the illustrations are great. The message this book carries is very tender and relevant to today's society. I didn't realize just how special it was until I read the story again. My grandmother knew I struggled with "fitting in" and this book is all about finding your way when the world seems to be against you. I highly recommend it to anyone who knows a child is struggling with finding their identity and wishes to find a story that can help them navigate this sometimes challenging journey we call childhood.

If you like the book "little Toot" this one is a great follow up at story time. It seems all the books for sale must be reading books from a school classroom library, ours has random crayon marks and came with a little popcorn in it. Compared to the original "Little Toot" book this story is shorter. The Nubble Lighthouse in York, ME is our favorite place to visit, having a book that includes one of my children's favorite characters and the Nubble Light is awesome!

A group of retired men at our community made wood tug boats for needy children for Christmas. I felt that today's children, especially in the mid-west would have no knowledge of tug boats and what they do/did. I loved this story when I was a child! The books I ordered from individual sources were all in excellent condition and a great price. The shipping costs were too high. Wish I had read your shipping information before I ordered these. Why don't you carry this book in your collection?

A book from my childhood I just had to share with my young grandson...

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