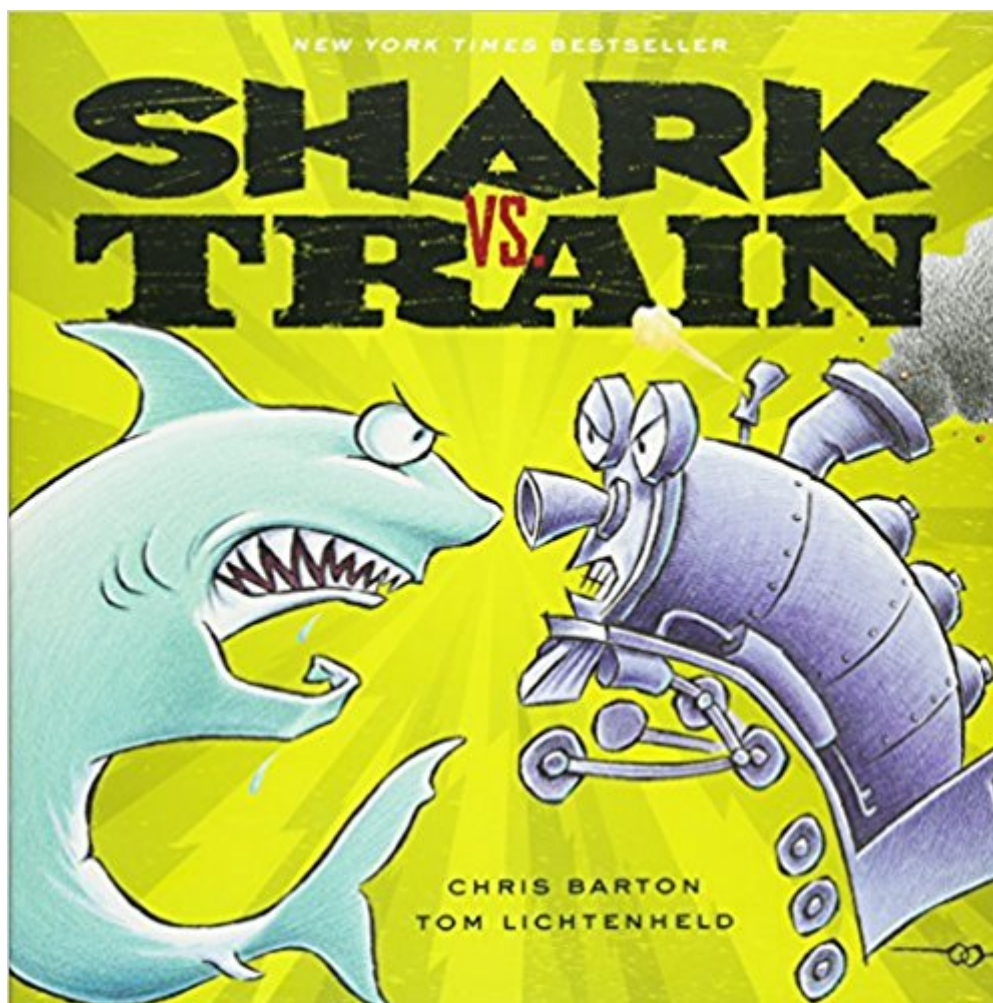


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# Shark Vs. Train



## Synopsis

Shark VS. Train! WHO WILL WIN?! If you think Superman vs. Batman would be an exciting matchup, wait until you see Shark vs. Train. In this hilarious and wacky picture book, Shark and Train egg each other on for one competition after another, including burping, bowling, Ping Pong, piano playing, pie eating, and many more! Who do YOU think will win, Shark or Train? [star] "This is a genius concept." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review [star] "Lichtenheld's snarling shark and grimacing train are definitely ready for a fight, and his scenarios gleefully play up the absurdity. The combatants' expressions are priceless when they lose. A glum train in smoky dejection, or a bewildered, crestfallen shark? It's hard to choose; both are winners." -- Kirkus, starred review

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 2â "When a boy with a toy shark faces a train-wielding companion, it sets off a series of imaginative and very funny contests between fish and machine. The result of each battle depends on the setting. Shark wins at high diving, not surprisingly, while Train comes out on top when it comes to burping. Other face-offs are less immediately obvious: Train stretches vertically to triumph at basketball, while Shark's sharp-toothed clown costume works best for trick-or-treating. In some situations, neither combatant fares well: as Train comments on the scoreless video-game competition, "Sure would help if we had thumbs." The cleverly chosen

contests reflect the imaginative powers of kids while retaining the consistent logic that's also essential to play. The notion of a shark and a train trying to be quiet in a library is absurd, for example, but the reasons why neither would succeed make perfect sense. Energetic cartoon illustrations take full advantage of the visual possibilities. Creative use of page space and perspectives gives a fresh look to each new battle. Just-right facial expressions capture the distinct personalities of the two competitors, including an evil grin from Shark at the Ping-Pong table and Train's uneasy look during a disastrous piano recital. Subtler visual details add to the humor, including a shark-jumping Fonzie reference that adults will appreciate. This inspired pairing, executed with ingenuity and packed with action and humor, is a sure winner.â "Steven Engelfried, Multnomah County Library, OR (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Maybe they haven't pitted this exact pair against one another, but there's little doubting young boys' ability to spend hours and considerable blocks of imagination smashing different toys together in a knock-down, drag-out battle royale for romper-room supremacy. The opening spread shows two boys digging through a toy box, each pulling out a fearsome competitor. In this corner, there's Shark (I'm going to choo-choo you up and spit you out); and in the other, Train (Ha! I'm going to fin-ish you, mackerel-breath). The bout gets progressively more ridiculous with each escalating shift in setting and rules. Early rounds in the ocean and on the tracks are split; Shark has the upper hand on the high-dive, and Train in giving carnival rides. Neither turns out to be much good at the Extreme Zombie-Squirrel Motocross video game (no thumbs) or sword fighting on a tightrope. Barton's imaginative and wacky scenarios are knocked home by Lichtenheld's ferociously funny artwork and will leave kids measuring up their dump truck and T-Rex for the next tale of the tape. Preschool-Grade 1. --Ian Chipman

This book is hysterical! I bought it for my 6 year old son, and we were laughing really hard reading it. Basically two little boys grab a toy shark and a toy train and go to war. The shark/train do everything from tight-rope walk to play basketball. It is a really funny book and the pictures in it are AMAZING. It's a good length, is appropriate for all ages, and even being a 33 year old adult I laughed my face off!

This book is a real hit with my 3-yr old son who loves trains. He likes them so much he carries them around like a security blanket. If the child loves sharks or trains this book will be a good read. I love

how this book teaches some common sense skills while the child is having fun looking at the book. I started asking him who would win in each scenario, the shark or the train. Most of the time he would guess the right answer.

Seems like a cute book. But we got the kindle edition and it doesn't show all the words unless you hold the iPad vertically, so you're only seeing one page at a time. And there are only a few words of the story on each page, if any at all. And while trying to flip from page to page to finish a sentence, there are speaking bubbles on a lot of the pages that you have to skip or go back to. Last, those speaking bubbles are real small and hard to read. But the story seems like it's cute and we love this illustrator.

This book is the best. Have your kids keep a running score and you'll be surprised at who wins when it's Shark vs Train one afternoon!

TONS of fun...we've read it over and over since it arrived. Both dad and preschooler REALLY love it. I am glad I wasn't swayed by the ridiculously over-PC-helicopter parent reviews that were worried that the toys were "name calling" and "inappropriate." The writing is creative, good natured, and lead to long discussions about the "epithats" - - explaining why the shark made a joke about steam, for instance....and the illustrations are super cute, too - and lead to discussions about why the shark could win a diving contest but the train couldn't (the train is WAAAY too heavy, it's made of steel and heavier than many cars and the shark lives in water, so he's probably a really good diver....). All in all, a GREAT book.

My daughter loves this book and thinks the story is so funny. We purchased it for her cousins too (2 girls and a boy 2-6 years-old) and they all love the book. She loves all the comments and different voices that can be used.

Shark vs Train by Chris Barton is not known for it's literary genius, but it is a humorous and colorful book that my 4 year old son absolutely loves. I will be honest and say that the side-conversations in the story (those written in idea bubbles) are a bit distracting in my opinion. I would have preferred the story without them. But given that this is a children's book and my child frequently requests it, Chris Barton must be doing something right. My son and I did have to go back and take count of which (shark or train) won overall in the various competitions they participated in against one

another. We always lost count while reading the story. Spoiler Alert: It's a tie!

Adorable book. My son has a copy, and when I asked a mom before a birthday party what her son likes, she said he loves sharks and trains. I immediately thought of this book and bought it for him. He loved it!

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