

"These videos do a fabulous job of reaching kids where they are and really educating them. These videos should absolutely be in every school, library, & video store across the country. Seriously!"

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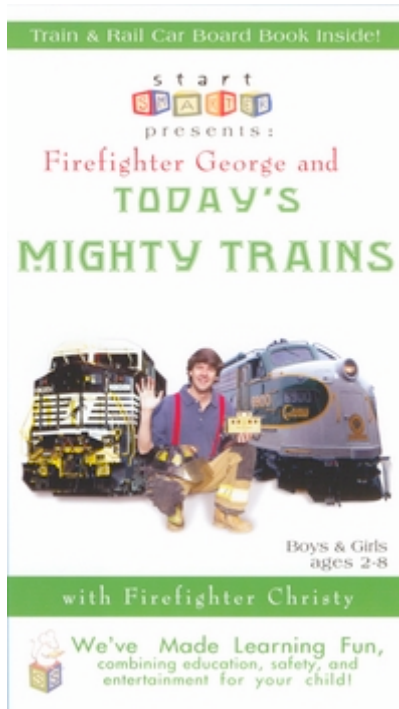
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Recommended Children's Viewing Firefighter George and Today's Mighty Trains

Start Smarter, P.O. Box 421194, Atlanta, GA 30342;

www.startsmarter.com; (404)-944-1351; VHS 40 minutes running time; geared for boys and girls ages 2 to 8; \$12.99

The folks at Start Smarter continue to win awards for their Firefighter George series: Dr. Toy and the Institute for Childhood Resources recently named "Today's Mighty Trains" one of the 10 Best Children's Videos of the Year. That's an understatement. Firefighter George is joined by Firefighter Christy as they introduce a group of junior engineers to



modern railroading. The kids learn about diesel-electric locomotives and the different types of freight cars, and watch the engineer at work. Then they observe the operator in an electric transit vehicle — and learn to watch out for the third rail. The firefighters also take the kids for a visit to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Train, and on an Amtrak train — including inside the kitchen. More than anything, the video teaches kids to expect the unexpected and stay a safe distance away. **This is easily the most intelligent approach to introducing kids to trains that I've seen.** — Kathi Kube