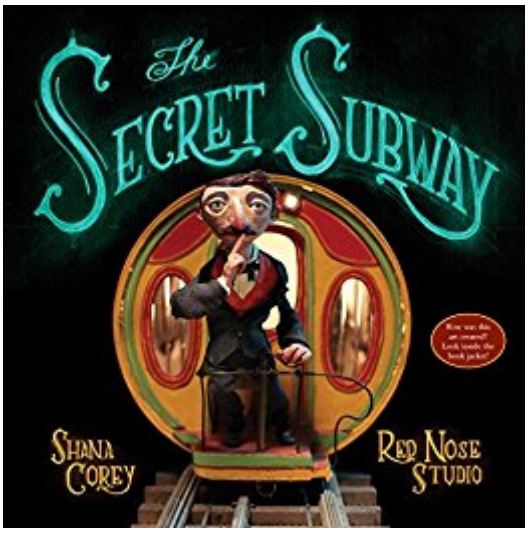
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Customer Reviews

Full disclosure: Shana Corey is a college friend of mine, but that's not what makes this book awesome. The illustrations are incredible and very unique. The story (which is true!) about an inventor who creates a pneumatic tunnel for a passenger train to help alleviate New York's traffic

problems -- 40 years before the modern subway system was built -- is both interesting and entertaining. There's a kind of fun, gothic, steampunk feel to this book that I loved, and my sons (3 and 5) loved "The Secret Subway" because they love trains and inventions.

Such a beautifully made book! The pictures are amazing and the story even more so. My 7 year old daughter and I read it together and loved the story of the "real" first subway. It prompted a whole conversation about subways and ventured slightly into politics as well.

Very interesting story!

Love this book. It is a gorgeous book and the story appeals to so many different ages. I bought it for my nieces (ages 5 and 7) and my 10 year old son liked it so much I am going to order another one for us.

Such a wonderful and beautifully illustrated book!

We own this book and bought it as a present for a train-obsessed 6 year old. We have been told that it's his new favorite book and he takes it to bed with him every night!

This book is beautiful. Bought one for every kid on my list- no matter the age. The writing is amazing (Shana Corey) and the illustrations are beautiful.

The grandchildren loved it. That's what it was for. Amazing pictures, and interesting "making of" included inside the cover.

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