

Children of the Train

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Crime/Thriller. 101 pages

LOGLINE:

A detective haunted by the disappearance of his own child uncovers a train conductor's twisted "crusade" to "save" at-risk children through a series of tactical abductions.

SUMMARY:

A mysterious Midwest train conductor uses homemade lollipops to lure young boys and girls away from public park areas. To the public, it bears all the terrifying hallmarks of a serial child abduction case. In reality, the conductor is running a rogue, underground railroad to rescue youth from severe domestic abuse environments. He transports the runaways to a hidden sanctuary inside a deserted old train depot, covertly supplying them with food, water, and warm blankets.

The delicate operation unravels when an economic downturn cuts his scheduled train runs, preventing him from visiting the shelter. Left unattended in a damp subterranean tunnel, the children begin falling ill. A local homeless man discovers the hidden group and alerts the police, triggering high-stakes medical drama and a massive law enforcement investigation.

Leading the charge is a dedicated missing children detective. She is personally haunted by a case involving her own eight-year-old daughter, who vanished during a family picnic in Washington state after surviving severe abuse. When the authorities raid the depot building, the investigator experiences a jaw-dropping shock as she discovers her own daughter among the rescued children. While the conductor faces a complicated trial, the narrative delivers a haunting ending cliffhanger that leaves audiences questioning how many missing youth in the real world are secretly waiting to be saved.

AWARDS:

Best Script Award - London
Honorable Mention
2023

Finalist
2025

Berlin International Screenplay
Contest

Cambridge Script Festival
Finalist
2026