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A fascinating insight into what it was like to work on the world's first railways.

Victorian Railways

Thousands of Victorians were employed by railway companies, from the locomotive driver on the footplate to the booking clerk in the station. The companies provided work for navvies, signalmen, telegraph operators, station masters, hotel workers, and many other people, including those who worked the fleets of railway-owned ships and horse-drawn vehicles. Trevor May gives a fascinating overview of everyday life for the characters that worked in such varied railway occupations, and the often stringent discipline and hierarchies that meant, for instance, that firemen had to drink in separate bars from engine drivers. Interesting cameos are provided of the men who worked in the great railway factories in places like Crewe, Swindon and Derby, the wheel-tappers who checked the integrity of locomotive and carriage wheels to ensure their safety, the women who worked in the company laundries, and those who worked in scores of other occupations.

The Victorian Railway Worker

First published in 2005. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

The Victorian Railway and how it Evolved

This title looks at every aspect of the railway in Victorian times - from the origins and initial construction to the spreading impact on the nation; from engineers and financiers to the effect on leisure and the environment.

Victorian Railways. Rules, Regulations, and Byelaws, etc

The perfect companion to Bradshaw's guide book. Showcasing in colour all that is great about Bradshaw's guide.

The Railway Builders

An illustrated history of the Premier Line from the Victorian Era to the early twentieth century. In this volume, author and British Railway veteran Neil Smith presents a wonderful miscellany of the London & North Western Railway drawn from the Railway Magazine archives. Charting the line's evolution from the close of the Victorian Era into the start of the twentieth century, The London & North Western Railway explores a wide variety of subjects through original articles and personal interviews. Plus, numerous historic illustrations and photos bring the story to life. The twenty-seven chapters cover topics including: Notable Stations such as Birmingham New Street, Carlisle Citadel, and Manchester London Road · Wolverton Carriage Works and Earlestown Wagon Works · Engine Drivers and Their Duties by C.J. Bowen-Cooke · The Irish Mail and the 'American Special' Trains · Webb Precedent and Compound Locomotives · Royal Saloons The Opening and Early Years of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway, the Grand Junction Railway and the London & Birmingham Railway

The Impact of Railways on Victorian Cities

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Victorian Railways

An "utterly brilliant" and deeply researched guide to the sights, smells, endless wonders, and profound changes of nineteenth century British history (Books Monthly, UK). Step into the past and experience the world of Victorian England, from clothing to cuisine, toilet arrangements to transport—and everything in between. A Visitor's Guide to Victorian England is "a brilliant guided tour of Charles Dickens's and other eminent Victorian Englishmen's England, with insights into where and where not to go, what type of people you're likely to meet, and what sights and sounds to watch out for . . . Utterly brilliant!" (Books Monthly, UK). Like going back in time, Higgs's book shows armchair travelers how to find the best seat on an omnibus, fasten a corset, deal with unwanted insects and vermin, get in and out of a vehicle while wearing a crinoline, and avoid catching an infectious disease. Drawing on a wide range of sources, this book blends accurate historical details with compelling stories to bring alive the fascinating details of Victorian daily life. It is a must-read for seasoned social history fans, costume drama lovers, history students, and anyone with an interest in the nineteenth century.

The Victorian Railway

Discusses the cultural and social effect that the railway had on nineteenth century society in Great Britain

Great Victorian Railway Journeys: How Modern Britain was Built by Victorian Steam Power

First Published in 2005. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

London And The Victorian Railway

For the majority of the British public in the Victorian period the railways were the only way to travel. In 1880 the population of Britain and Ireland took 518 million railway journeys, and by the turn of the century this number had risen to just over 1.1 billion. Therefore, for anyone trying to get anywhere before 1914, the process of checking the timetable, buying a ticket and taking a seat, was central to their work and leisure activities. However, how people travelled in 1830 had changed radically by the time of the First World War, and the basic services of the early railway been replaced by comfort and complexity. David Turner tells this story; from the development of the stations, passenger carriages, waiting rooms, and tickets, through to the more unfamiliar aspects of smoking and 'ladies only' compartments, excursion trains, passenger's accident insurance and the dangers of crime and accidents. This introduction to Victorian railway travel describes how many features of people's journeys reflected the world in which they were living; and while many were unique to the period, others we would recognise in our railway journeys today. TOC: Introduction / The Beginning of Journeys / The Carriage and its Development / Inside the Carriage / The Perils of Railway Travel / Destinations, For Work and Pleasure / Conclusion

The London & North Western Railway

A Victorian invention, the railways of Britain were the scene of some of the most gruesome murders of the 19th Century. In their gory detail, here are some of the worst.

Victoria's Railway King

Anthony Dawson looks at some of the iconic, trailblazing locomotives that helped shape British railway history.

The Victorian Railway

This book is a wonderful miscellany of the London & North Western Railway, here is a delightful new illustrated history of the Premier Line, drawn from the Railway Magazine archives, which covers the close of the Victorian Era and the start of the 20th century, topics of the 27 chapters include.Personal Interviews with F.Harrison (General Manager), F. W. Webb (CM&EE).Notable Stations - Birmingham New Street, Carlisle Citadel, Crewe, Euston, Manchester London Road, Preston and Willesden.Wolverton Carriage Works and Earlestown Wagon Works.Engine Drivers and Their Duties by C.J. Bowen-CookeThe Irish Mail and the 'American Special' TrainsWebb Precedent and Compound LocomotivesRoyal SaloonsThe Opening and Early Years of Three L N W R constituent companies, the Liverpool & Manchester Railway, the Grand Junction Railway and the London & Birmingham Railway.The large number of photographs and illustrations, mostly from the archives of the London & North Western Railway Society, make this a very special book.

Steam Locomotives of the Victorian Railways

This book hopes to explore the experiences of these pioneer railway travellers, from the first railway stations and railway carriages to the hazards of the journey itself.

The Victorian Railway Loan and the Successful Contractors. A Review of the Policy Pursued by the Government in Negociating the Victorian Railway Debentures

Collection of full-colour photographs of Victorian trains for the rail enthusiast. Covers depot scenes, main-line trains, steam trains and historic rail relics, although the overall emphasis is on engines still in use.

A Visitor's Guide to Victorian England

From 1840s crossing gatekeepers to 21st century train drivers: a unique book about women working on Britain's railways.

Railways and the Victorian Imagination

Railway changed the world more than any other invention of the industrial age. This beautifully illustrated book describes the development of railways in Victorian Britain, and it is tailored to National Curriculum Key Stage 2, Study Unit 3A.

Victorian Railwaymen

There is no one living today who has personal experience of the Great Northern Railway (GNR), since it ceased to exist in 1923. However, seated in a favourite armchair with this guide in hand, it is possible to drift back in time and experience Victorian railway travel in the year 1892, the year that this book was originally published by Cassell & Company. Imagine beginning your travels at the magnificent London terminus of King's Cross. The advertisements in this book will inform you that the refreshment-room tariff includes a basin of soup for one shilling, mutton or veal and ham pie for three pence, or a plate of meat for six pence. Port, sherry or claret is available at six pence per glass, whiskey, gin, or rum at four pence per glass, ale or stout at two pence per glass. For younger travellers lemonade soda can be had for two pence a bottle, ginger beer for three pence. Or perhaps you prefer to take your food with you on the train. In this case luncheon baskets, hot or cold, are available at three shillings each. But whistles are blowing and the "Flying Scotsman" is about to depart for Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands. Reaching Edinburgh, we might seek accommodation at John MacPherson's Cockburn Hotel on Waverley Bridge, where a night porter is kept, French, German and Italian are spoken, and a bed and attendance (on the fourth floor) can be had for two shillings and sixpence. This is a temperance hotel so, Mr. MacPherson sternly warns, no spiritous liquors are available. This type of hotel finds great favour with Victorian lady travellers, who have vowed that "lips which touch spirits shall never touch mine". On another journey by the Great Northern, we might travel on the York to Newcastle line and alight at Darlington Bank Top Station. The main line here is a vast thoroughfare for traffic, averaging considerably over one hundred passenger trains daily. The new and handsome station has a letterbox, postal-telegraph office, bookstall, and refreshment rooms, on the island platform. Cabs (that is, horse-drawn hansom cabs, not motor taxis) attend all trains. And so on and on-scores of different but equally delightful journeys, through hundreds of stations, villages and towns big and small, all alluringly described in the guide in over three hundred and sixty pages. Many pages contain delightful engravings depicting high streets with chickens scratching in gutters and horse drawn wagons plodding by, where today the same scene is usually a choked confusion of gridlocked traffic, raucous noise, and mad rush. A further eighty pages are full of beguiling contemporary advertisements that are worth browsing in their own right. Truly, with the Official Guide to the Great Northern Railway in hand, not only is it possible to experience Victorian railway travel at its height, but also to time-travel back to the days before motor cars and yellow lines blighted village and town, before motorways scarred the countryside and their hideous noise drove people nearly insane. A time also when the only things in the sky were songbirds and not screaming jetliners. From your armchair, today, with the Official Guide, you can recapture a time when only a puff of smoke, the hiss of steam and the rattle of carriage wheels marked the passage of a train, only briefly disturbing the quiet townscape or rural idyll. When uniformed hotel porters with their luggage barrows met all trains and no one had to struggle, as today, up and down stairs with their own cumbersome suitcases on wheels. When meals in dining cars were cooked on the train in real ovens and served by waiters in white jackets and black ties, with all the panache of the London Savoy. When drinks were served in glass and china and not disagreeable cardboard. When sleeping cars ensured a sound nights rest on long overnight journeys. Ah-bliss! Discover it all with this wonderful book, and let your imagination know no bounds.

Victorian and Edwardian Railway Travel

This book provides an in-depth exploration of trains and train travel. Letherby and Reynolds have conducted extensive research with all those concerned with trains, from leisure travelers and enthusiasts to railway workers and commuters. Overturning conventional wisdom, they show that the train has a social life in and of itself and is not simply a way to get from A to B. The book also looks at the depiction of train travel through cultural media, such as music, films, books and art. The authors consider the personal politics of train travel and political discussion surrounding the railways, as well as the relationship trains have to leisure and work. The media often paints a gloomy picture of the railways and there is a general view that the romance of train travel ended with the steam locomotive. Letherby and Reynolds show that this is far from the case.

Author Anthony Dawson explores a fascinating collection of images of the Victorian and Edwardian railway.

The Victorian Railway Murders

An illustrated exploration of the world of Victorian stations, with their wide range of architectural influences and styles, and the notable architects employed to create them.

Locomotives of the Victorian Railway

The railway was one of the principal Victorian spaces of reading. This book spotlights one of the leading audience demographics in this late-Victorian market: the newly empowered readers of the expanding middle class. The transactions in which late-Victorian readers acquired the books read whilst travelling are reconstructed by exploring the leading determinants of consumers' purchasing choices at the railway station bookstalls selling books intended for reading in this zone. This exploration concentrates on the impact of forces like the input of the staff running the bookstalls and the commercial environment in which consumers made their purchases. At the center of this study is a leading (and still relatively under-examined) genre of Victorian print culture circulating in this reading space the series. Rooney examines three leading examples of late-Victorian series, which sought to satisfy railway passengers' need for literary reading matter. Many of the period's principal authors and literary genres featured in their lists. Each venture is representative of one of the three main pricing tiers of series publishing. Employing an eclectic methodological framework combining cultural studies and book history approaches with concepts from the new humanities, the reading experiences furnished by the light fiction of these series are reconstructed. This study reflects the recent growth in scholarship on historical readership, the expansion in the canon of Victorian popular literature, and the broader material turn in nineteenth-century studies.

The London and North Western Railway

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Railways and Victorian Cities

Trevor Yorke's book describes the development of the period's stations, with their wide range of architectural influences and styles, and discusses the notable architects employed to create themfrom back cover.

Travelling on the Victorian Railway

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