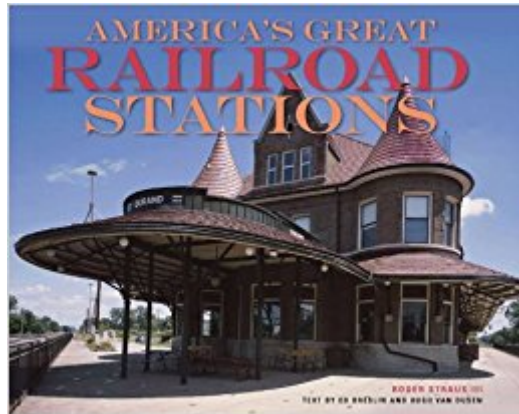




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America's Great Railroad Stations



Synopsis

An evocative and stunning photographic tribute to America's railroad stations. For much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the railroad station or depot was the communal hub of every American town that could boast of train service. There, citizens gathered before they sent loved ones off to college, marriage, or war-and where they greeted them on their return. Most of these buildings were architectural gems, and while many are still in service, certain others now house museums, banks, restaurants, and more. In fact, in cities like Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, renovated stations are destinations unto themselves even for those not boarding the train. And in other places, whole sections of towns have been remade around these structures, restoring their vitality in novel and interesting ways long after the last train has left the station. In *America's Great Railroad Stations*, award-winning photographer Roger Straus III, and two lifelong railroad buffs, Ed Breslin and Hugh Van Dusen, join forces to tell the astonishing story of these enduring structures and the important role they still play in the country's landscape. Journeying from the Pennsylvania Railroad to the Union Pacific to Michigan Central and more, readers will be dazzled by the Beaux Arts monuments of New York and the adobe buildings of the Southwest. Filled with both new and archival photographs and drawings, this volume is a glorious salute to the institution that transformed our nation.

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Customer Reviews

Roger Straus III spent thirty years in book publishing before becoming an architectural

photographer. His work has appeared in newspapers, magazines, and several books. He lives in North Salem, New York. Ed Breslin and Hugh Van Dusen are veteran editors and publishers of several decades in the book business. Both live in New York City.

sigh that so many of these beautiful buildings are gone or gutted. Nice to have a record of them and imagine a more genteel mode of travel than the heck that is airports.

This book does give a good general description of various stations around the US railroad system. Each is in a regional chapter with its own section. It does have a number of good photos and associated text.

A good quality coffee table book that details some well known stations and others that are hidden gems.

I bought this as a gift for my husband who loves trains. I was looking for something a little bit different and this filled the bill. He enjoyed it and so do I. We loved seeing these beautiful and unique stations. Great choice for anyone who appreciates trains and all that goes with them.

GREAT BOOK

high quality bound, must have for any rail fans collection, and great price

I chose five-star rating because I love trains and of course, train depots/train stations go hand in hand with trains, like "ham and eggs;" they are a two-some. This book is FILLED with wonderful pictures of, both the huge union stations in the United States as well as smaller train depots in smaller towns. Both are most PLEASING! Also the book has instructive, but not at all boring, text. For a train enthusiast as I am, I think this book makes a wonderful "avenue" of letting one's self get lost in the wonderful world of trains and the nostalgia of yesteryear when trains were THE WAY to travel. It was an era when trains were a greatly memorable, exciting experience, and not just a mode of travel on long (or not so long) trips in America. I would highly recommend this volume to anyone who loves trains and the fascinating, often awesome, edifices they pulled into and pulled out of. I find train stations and depots almost as "neat" as the trains themselves. You could not go wrong in buying this book if you are a train aficionado.

Very good pictures and information on some of the the splended structuress along our nations railroads. You could almost feel like you were there.

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