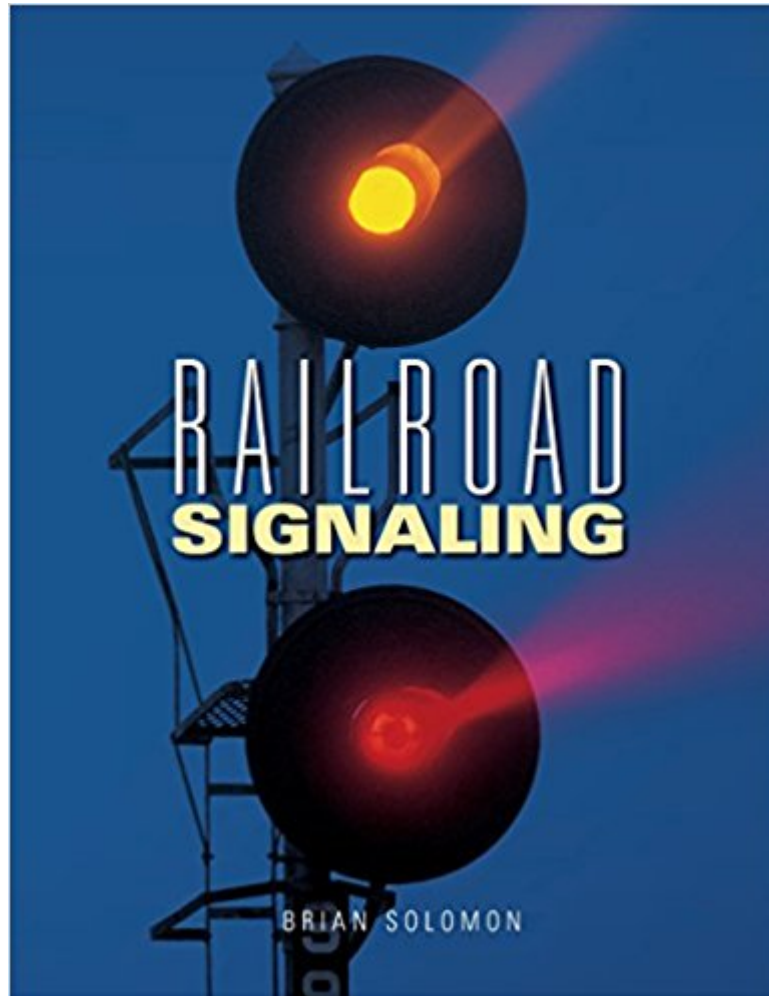




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Synopsis

From the 1830s to today, the railroad industry has developed myriad complex mechanisms to help keep North America's railroad rights-of-ways safe, efficient, and relatively accident-free. In this paperback rerelease of the successful 2003 title, the otherwise-arcane world of railroad signaling is explained in concise language and brought to life with nearly 200 fantastic photographs that depict signaling history and all aspects of modern operations. Author and photographer Brian Solomon brings his wealth of knowledge and photographic talent to a subject that has not often been tackled in book form, yet is integral to the American railroad experience.

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Solomon's book is rare, combining history, technological advances, theory, and practice into a compelling yet seldom told story. The easily digestible text and wonderful photographs of a diverse mix of historical and contemporary signal equipment enable readers to understand not only "how" basic systems work, but also

"why" Solomon gives this little known segment of railroading its due. --

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Brian Solomon is one of today's most accomplished railway historians. He has authored more than thirty books about railroads and locomotive power, and his writing and photography have been featured in the world's top rail publications, including Trains, Railway Age, Passenger Train Journal,

and RailNews. He divides his time between Massachusetts and Ireland.

Nice historical text, but thin on real details of signaling fundamentals. For a RR historian this is an essential library addition, but for the real meat and detail of signaling, other books are better choices

I have read other books on railroad signalling that have always been equally well thought out and presented. However, they were almost exclusively focused on the British Isles. This is the first book that I have come across that not only sheds light on the long forgotten world of mechanical signalling in the United States; but also makes technological comparisons between Great Britain's signalling progress as compared to the United State's. It also includes diagrams, thorough explanations to signalling practice and excellent pictures on the infrastructure behind the signals. This book is a must have for realistic railroad modelers and railroad historians anywhere on the North American continent and beyond.

After having traveled by train and been at the train station to pickup guests in the period of time from 2008 until 2011, I found this book to be very informative. Suddenly, I was able to tell just how far away a train was by looking at the signals on the side of the tracks. I also write articles for my website blog on old farm tractors and farm machinery. I often include in the articles a short description of how the particular tractor or farm machine made its way from the factory to the dealership by train. Information about railroad signaling gained from this book also a great deal of interesting detail to the articles.

For someone not entirely familiar with US railroad signalling it is a decent introduction to the subject. It stops where the matter becomes really interesting, the peripherals like Positive Train Control and the earlier Automatic Train Control. What is the background, how do they work, why are / were they installed and where? These should have been treated much more in-depth, also since US automatic train control influenced the Automatic Train Protection situation in Europe deeply. Also, if present day Europe has to be named at all in this book, why stop in an outpost like Ireland, which in fact is much like the UK. This is just one of the types of signalling in use over there in Europe, whilst US signalling practice influenced many types of European signalling significantly after WWII. There is a bit of disappointment with the organisation of the book, in other words.

Great job done

A good read for the person interested in railroad signaling from the start of railroad's to modern day signaling safely

Well written and great pictures. Its very helpful for those who curious about the way track signals work in general and for the who are model train hobbyist. I enjoy reading this book and looking at the images from other countries and its helpful for my ho scale layout. I recommend it.

I though the book was very good and informative. The only lacking is more pictures and examples of signaling and track flow. After reading up more on the internet of some other explanation and examples of speed signaling and route signaling the book made more sense . Also in the kindle edition when u zoom in to see some pics they are blurry like a picture with low resolution. The book all in all was good. Just throw in more pics and lots more examples and its a five star

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