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Liverpool University Press

'A delightful book ... the perfect companion as you wait for the 8.10 from Hove' Observer After the Beeching cuts of the 1960s, many railways were gradually shut down. Rural communities were isolated and steam trains slowly gave way to diesel and electric traction. But some people were not prepared to let the romance of train travel die. Thanks to their efforts, many lines passed into community ownership and are now booming with new armies of dedicated volunteers. Andrew Martin meets these volunteer enthusiasts, finding out just what it is about preserved railways that makes people so devoted. From the inspiration for Thomas the Tank Engine to John Betjeman's battle against encroaching modernity, *Steam Trains Today* will take you on a heart-warming journey across Britain from Aviemore to Epping.

*Isle of Man Railways* Liverpool University Press

A New History of the Isle of Man will provide a new benchmark for the study of the island's history. In five volumes, it will survey all aspects of the history of the Isle of Man, from the evolution of the natural landscape through prehistory to modern times. The

Modern Period is the first volume to be published. Wide in coverage, embracing political, constitutional, economic, labor, social and cultural developments in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the volume is particularly concerned with issues of image, identity and representation. From a variety of angles and perspectives, contributors explore the ways in which a sense of Manxness was constructed, contested, continued and amended as the little Manx nation underwent unprecedented change from debtors' retreat through holiday playground to offshore international financial center.

*Steam Trains Today* Pen and Sword

Narrow-gauge railroading conjures images of marginal track, wooden coaches, and antique steam locomotives. Yet consider the extraordinarily glamorous and comfortable South African Blue Train and Australia's Queenslander as well as the electrified network of meter-gauge mountain railways in Switzerland that run with a precision similar to that of the country's famed timepieces. Often used to penetrate the most challenging and breathtaking terrain that larger trains are unable to reach, narrow-gauge railways offer even the most seasoned of travelers an experience to remember. Karl Zimmermann, railroad author and accomplished photographer, chronicles his journeys aboard

these rarest of trains. Individual chapters weave history and travelogue, complemented by more than 100 color illustrations. The result is a spirited tribute to the world's most charismatic railways.

[The Railway Preservation Revolution](#) Amberley Publishing Limited  
A contemporary survey, chiefly of financial managerial and operation aspects of railways in various parts of the world.

[The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway](#) Isle of Man Railways  
Railways played a key role in Britain's social, economic and industrial history. These companies have long since gone, but all over the country relics remain to remind us of that pioneering age. David Wragg's Historical Dictionary of Railways in the British Isles is a comprehensive, single-volume reference guide to the old railway companies and their heritage. He provides brief histories of the companies and their many-sided activities, and he gives biographies of the men who created the rail network. He covers what is now the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland as well as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. His book is essential reading and reference for enthusiasts of every region and period of railway history.

**The Railway Chronicle** Pen and Sword Transport

A contemporary account of the Isle of Wight's numerous railways, from their origins in Victorian times up to the re-grouping of 1923. Originally published over 90 years ago this new edition is fully illustrated with line drawings and photographs.

[The Isle of Man Railway](#) Casemate Publishers

A ride on a steam train is a popular family outing. More than 100 heritage railways cater for that demand, capturing the spirit of nostalgia while preserving the engines and equipment of past days of rail travel. Their interests even extend to the modern era of 1960's - 70's diesels. Those heritage railways themselves have a long pedigree, back to 1951, when a group of enthusiasts saved the Talylyn Railway in mid-Wales from closure. They ran this railway as volunteers, out of their love of the little trains and a desire to keep it going. Their example was followed by many more preservation societies who preserved and restored branch lines, country lines and industrial lines for our enjoyment now. Six decades have passed, and we are now beginning to realize what an impressive history the heritage railway movement has. This book traces that history, from the humble beginnings the hopes and ambitions of the pioneers on the different railway projects. There were times of failure and frustration, as some fell by the wayside, but others have made it through times of adversity to become the major heritage businesses of today.

[The Light Railways of Britain & Ireland](#) Narrow Gauge - British Isles

Capturing the spirit of the Isle of Man's narrow gauge network. Its history as well as today's preserved steam railway.

**Rambles on Railways...** Profile Books

This book, drawing on wide experience of the Isle of Man, describes, interprets and explains the features that make the Island's physical and human landscapes so distinctive and give it a unique sense of place. Although the editors have taken a strongly geographical approach to their theme, the book is unparalleled in writings on the Isle of Man in the broad range of contributions it has assembled: geology, quaternary science, geomorphology, archaeology, history, natural history, political science, demography, social policy and economics. The book definitively reviews current geographical knowledge relating to the Isle of Man, bringing together hitherto fragmented, scattered and inaccessible work. Particular emphasis is placed upon the way in which geographers are returning to their intellectual roots with a renewed focus on both the distinctiveness and sense of place. By helping readers to understand the processes that formed, and continue to change, the Isle of Man's unique physical

and human landscapes, this book aims both to inform and to enhance enjoyment of the Island.

[The Railway Wharncliffe](#)

With previously unpublished photographs documenting the period's industrial and mineral railways scene.

[The railway shareholder's manual; or Practical guide to all the railways in the world](#) Cambridge University Press

[Early Japanese Railways 1853-1914](#) is a cultural and engineering history of railway building in Japan during the Meiji era. The importance of early railways in the industrialization of the United States and Europe is a fact all of us are familiar with. To witness the amazing parallel development of the railways in Japan, happening at much the same time as America was connecting its vast hinterland to the East and West coasts, is an eye-opening realization. [Early Japanese Railways](#), tells the fascinating story of the rise of Japanese rail amidst a period of rapid modernization during Japan's Meiji era. Leaving behind centuries of stagnation and isolation, Japan would emerge into the 20th century as a leading modern industrialized state. The development of the railways was a significant factor in the cultural and technological development of Japan during this pivotal period. Free's rare photographic and historical materials concerning Japan's early railways, including a print showing the miniature steam engine brought to Japan by Admiral Perry aboard his "Black Ships" to demonstrate American superiority, combine to form a richly detailed account that will appeal to students of Japanese history and railway buffs alike. This one-of-a-kind book, [Early Japanese Railways 1853-1914](#), illuminates for non-Japanese-speaking readers the early history of Japanese railroads and in the process the fascinating story of Japan's prewar industrial modernization. Anyone interested in train history or model trains will find this book a fascinating read.

**The Isle of Man Railway** Indiana University Press

"A superb book . . . about the background to the railway, its development and closure and the relaunch into one of Wales' most pleasant preserved railways." —The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society  
Unusually among Welsh narrow-gauge railways, the 2ft 6in gauge Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway was built to benefit agriculture, not minerals. After several failed attempts to connect the market town at Welshpool with the rural community around Llanfair Caereinion, the 1896 Light Railways Act paved the way for the railway which opened in 1902. Operated by the Cambrian Railways and then by the Great Western Railway, it became the only narrow-gauge steam railway catering for goods traffic under the auspices of British Railways. Sadly, it was closed in 1956 but enthusiasts ensured its revival, which started in 1963. Overcoming many obstacles, the railway is now run by a charitable trust and is a leading volunteer-operated tourist attraction in Montgomeryshire. "As is to be expected by the pre-eminent authority on Welsh narrow gauge and minor railways, this is a work of first-class research, but also one of much interest . . . I have no hesitation in recommending it, especially for anyone interested in narrow gauge or indeed preserved railways." —The Journal of the Friends of the National Railway Museum  
"A worthwhile addition to the published material on this delightful railway, and likely to prompt even more interest amongst modellers." —Railway Modeller  
"Whether it is a line you know well or not, if you like narrow gauge or minor railways then I am sure you will enjoy this book." —Michael's Model Railways  
[Railway Times](#) Tuttle Publishing

Never before has a comprehensive history been written of the track used by railways of all gauges, tramways, and cliff railways, in Great Britain. And yet it was the development of track, every bit as much as the development of the locomotive, that has allowed our railways to provide an extraordinarily wide range of

services. Without the track of today, with its laser-guided maintenance machines, the TGV and the Eurostar could not cruise smoothly at 272 feet per second, nor could 2,000-ton freight trains carry a wide range of materials, or suburban railways, over and under the ground, serve our great cities in a way that roads never could. ??Andrew Dow's account of the development of track, involving deep research in the papers of professional institutions as well as rare books, company records and personal accounts, paints a vivid picture of development from primitive beginnings to modernity. ??The book contains nearly 200 specially-commissioned drawings as well as many photographs of track in its very many forms since the appearance of the steam locomotive in 1804. Included are chapters on electrified railways, and on the development of mechanised maintenance, which revolutionised the world of the platelayer.

**A New History of the Isle of Man: The modern period 1830-1999** Amberley Publishing Limited

A breathtaking selection of photographs showcasing railway journeys as a part of the British landscape.

**The Southwold Railway 1879-1929** Pen and Sword

Capturing the spirit of the Isle of Man's narrow gauge network. Its history as well as today's preserved steam railway.

*Little Trains to Faraway Places* Casemate Publishers

Opened in 1836 as a horse tramway using gravity to carry slate from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog, by the 1920s the Festiniog Railway had left its years of technical innovation and high profits long behind. After the First World War, the railways path led inexorably to closure, to passengers in 1939 and goods in 1946. After years of abandonment, visionary enthusiasts found a way to take control of the railway and starting its restoration in 1955. Not only did they have to fight the undergrowth, they also had to fight a state-owned utility which had appropriated a part of the route. All problems were eventually overcome and a 2 mile deviation saw services restored to Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1982. Along the way, the railway found its old entrepreneurial magic, building new steam locomotives and carriages, and rebuilding the Welsh highland Railway, to become a leading 21st century tourist attraction. Historian Peter Johnson, well known for his books on Welsh railways, has delved into the archives and previously untapped sources to produce this new history, a must-read for enthusiasts and visitors alike. The Festiniog Railways

pre-1921 history is covered in Peter Johnson's book, *Festiniog Railway the Spooner era and after 1830-1920*, also published by Pen & Sword Transport.

*The Railway Year Book Atlantic*

Isle of Man Railways Amberley Publishing Limited

**Early Japanese Railways 1853-1914** Amberley Publishing Limited

This highly illustrated 1897 handbook by a leading electrical engineer offers unique insights into the earliest days of electric locomotion.

**Bradshaw's Railway Gazette** Pen and Sword

First published in 1985 by Moorland Press, *The Light Railways of Britain & Ireland* has remained unavailable for more than twenty-five years, until now. Re-released by Pen & Sword, this is a thorough and engaging book that covers, in depth, the fascinating story of Britain's last railway development, the Rural light railways, constructed as a result of the Light Railways Act 1896. Rigorously detailed, it charts the overall history of the last great railway boom in Britain the light railway boom from 1896, to the beginning of the Great War in 1914. During this period a large number of narrow and standard gauge lines were constructed in both Britain and Ireland, in order to serve and open up areas in both countries that, at the time, lacked adequate transport links. This book tells the story of how these lines were constructed and why, in most cases, they eventually failed, due to post-First World War road competition. Authored by two highly acclaimed writers of transport history, this is a true testament to, and a timely reminder of, Britain's last railway development.

*Bradshaw's Railway Manual, Shareholder's Guide, and Official Directory* Amberley Publishing Limited

A journey through the history of this railway that brought passengers to the English seaside for fifty years. Includes maps and photos. The Southwold Railway was a delightful example of one of East Anglia's minor railways: A 3ft gauge railway, single track, just over eight miles long from Halesworth (connections to London) across the heathland and marshes of East Suffolk to the seaside resort and harbor of Southwold. This book collates the research and memories of one of the last surviving passengers with maps and pictures to tell a fascinating tale of immaculate passenger service, management from a distant London office, closure at very short notice, and twenty-first century revival.

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