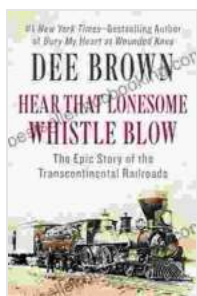


# Hear That Lonesome Whistle Blow: A Journey Through the History and Lore of the American Railroad

The American railroad is a story of innovation, ambition, and westward expansion. It is a story that has shaped the course of our nation's history, and it is a story that continues to be told today.



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"Hear That Lonesome Whistle Blow" is a comprehensive and engaging history of the American railroad, from its humble beginnings to its present-day incarnation. The book is filled with fascinating stories and anecdotes, as well as stunning photography and illustrations.

Author Brian Solomon takes readers on a journey through the golden age of railroading, when steam locomotives ruled the rails and the country was crisscrossed by a vast network of tracks. He tells the stories of the men and

women who built the railroads, the passengers who rode them, and the communities that grew up around them.

Solomon also explores the darker side of railroading, including the tragic accidents, labor disputes, and environmental damage that have plagued the industry. But through it all, he celebrates the enduring legacy of the American railroad.

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## ## Sample Chapters

### ### Chapter 1: The Iron Horse

The first chapter of "Hear That Lonesome Whistle Blow" tells the story of the invention of the steam locomotive and the early days of railroading in America. Solomon describes the challenges faced by early railroad builders, including the need to develop new technologies and overcome the resistance of landowners and politicians.

### ### Chapter 2: The Golden Age of Railroading

The second chapter explores the golden age of railroading, from the Civil War to the turn of the 20th century. This was a time of rapid expansion for the railroad industry, as new lines were built across the country and the number of passengers and freight trains increased dramatically. Solomon tells the stories of some of the most famous railroad tycoons of the era, including Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, and Edward Harriman.

### ### Chapter 3: The Decline of the Railroad

The third chapter examines the decline of the railroad industry in the 20th century. The rise of the automobile and the airplane led to a decrease in passenger and freight traffic on railroads, and many lines were abandoned. Solomon also discusses the impact of government regulation and labor unions on the industry.

### ### Chapter 4: The Railroad Today

The fourth chapter brings the history of the American railroad up to the present day. Solomon describes the resurgence of passenger rail travel in recent years, as well as the challenges facing the industry in the 21st century.

### ## Author Biography

Brian Solomon is a lifelong railroad enthusiast and historian. He has written extensively about the subject, including several books and articles. Solomon is also a frequent lecturer on railroad history and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs.

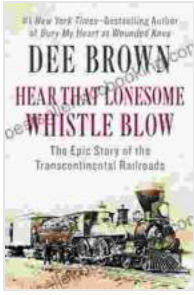
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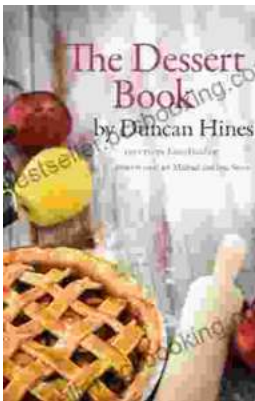
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