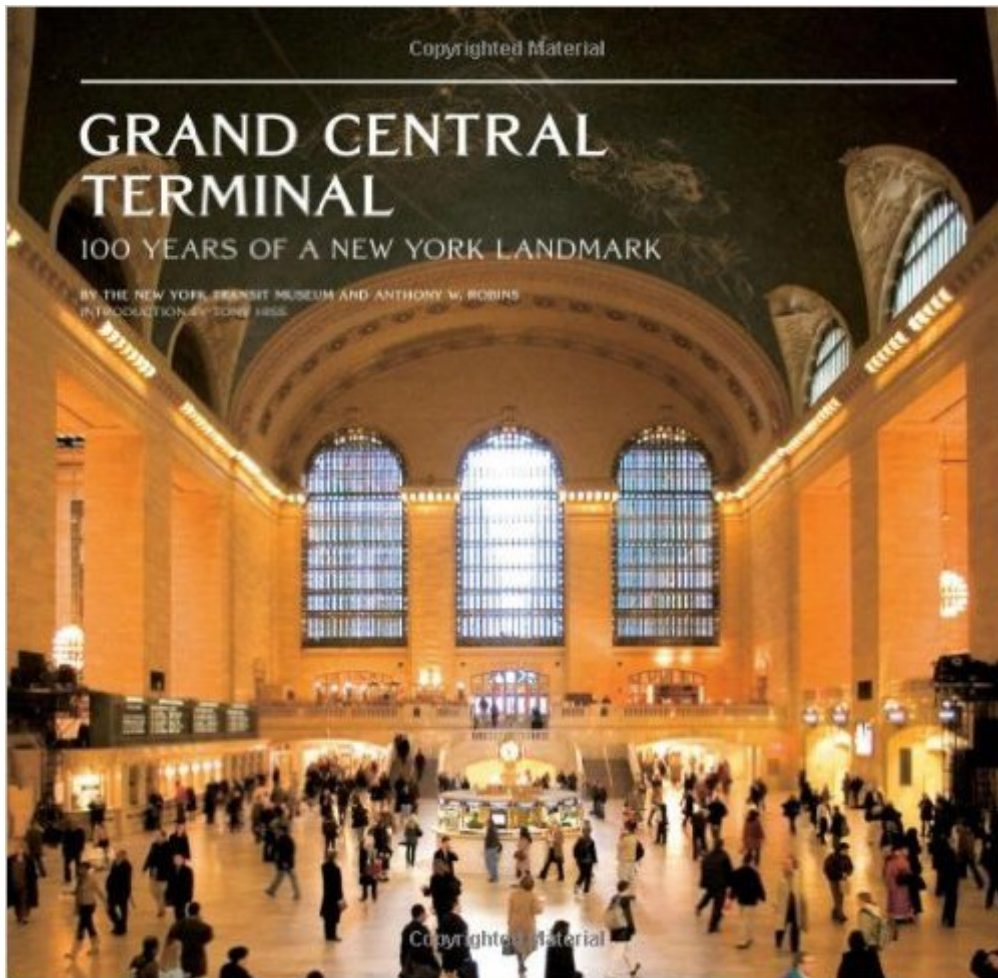


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# Grand Central Terminal: 100 Years Of A New York Landmark



## Synopsis

Opened in February 1913, Grand Central Terminal is one of the country's great architectural monuments; helped create Midtown Manhattan. Over the next century, it evolved into an unofficial town square for New York. Today, it sits astride Park Avenue at 42nd Street in all its original splendor, attracting visitors by the thousands. This new book celebrates Grand Central's Centennial by tracing the Terminal's history and design, and showcasing 200 photographs of its wonders; from the well-trodden Main Concourse to its massive power station hidden 10 stories below. The stunning photographs, some archival and some taken by Frank English, official photographer of Metro-North Railroad for more than 25 years, capture every corner of this astonishing complex. Praise for Grand Central Terminal: "The book is thoroughly researched and reads like a library of design, lifestyles, art and trivia that even New Yorkers don't know." • NY Arts Magazine

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I've always thought GCT's interior is one of the most beautiful in the world, and this book truly does it justice. Beautiful photos, lots of great/historical ephemera, and a very interesting & informative writing style.

One of New York's best known architectural historians offers a comprehensive portrait of one of the world's finest rail terminals. From its origins in Paris to its response to 21st-century challenges, the

history of Grand Central comes alive in the book's vivid anecdotes and plentiful illustrations. The character sketches of major figures are especially engaging. Tony Robbins, a former Research Director at the Landmarks Preservation Commission, blends lively prose with exhaustive knowledge in a book that is both an entertaining read and an admirable work of scholarship.

Truly a labor of love for the author. A grand book paying tribute to an American icon. A fantastic look back and forward into the story of this magnificent structure and all it has meant to the city of New York for over a century. Just about anything anyone would ever want to know about Grand Central Station! For railroad buffs, architectural fans and those with a keen interest in the Big Apple. Not a book to rush through. Truly a book to savor. Fantastic insights into this building which is so much more than simply a structure. Well laid out, magnificent photos and chock full of great information and explanations. I now know a whole lot more than I did about the terminal. To steal an ad slogan: "Time well spent."

when I gave it to him for his birthday. My grandfather worked at Grand Central so it's always been a special place for us. The book is beautifully made with a tight binding and quality paper. The photos are evocative and the text is informative. Even if you have no personal connection, just enjoy books about American landmarks or NYC history, the book is a great addition.

Having grown up in Rowayton, CT...enjoyed many trips on the old NYNH&Hartford Railroad in the 50's. Grand Central Station was just unreal as a young person... Coming into the station turned day into night...all those little "bulbs" barely reflecting where you were. Then off the train with the multitude of travelers, all sorts of noises and sights...and the walk up to the terminal. What a site as you entered... The tall marble ceilings added just a wonderful "echo" to everything...and you just had to stop and take the whole scene in. In those days, Kodak had a huge picture display on one of the far walls...a different scene depending on what time of the year it was. The Christmas one was special to say the least. Now approaching 70...and living in California...recently returned from a Summer trip to New England and New York. Of course it included a train ride from Stamford into Grand Central...and as I entered the terminal (now completely renovated) a wonderful flashback to those wonderful trips to Grand Central 50 years ago. Things change...but Grand Central will always be the greatest train station in the world. T. Nelson

Good historical book on Grand Central Terminal and its predecessor depots. Good complete

information without becoming too technical and wordy. Excellent art and photography.

As a history buff, I found the book very informative and the pictures compiled were excellent in depicting the status through the years.

I consider myself a bit of a railroad buff and so I've read many books over the years dealing with railroads, locomotives, stations, builders and more. The books I've read range from in-depth to generic, and provide varying degrees of insight into their assorted subject matters. Where Anthony Robins' excels with his offering is in his ability to create a book that is approachable, if not comprehensive. This book is probably not for those seeking an ultimate guide to Grand Central Terminal. However, it is ideal for those who may want to get a general overview of the terminal's history and enjoy wonderful photos from the past 100 years. Even if you don't read much of the text, the photos alone are worth the price of the book. I'd recommend the book for anyone with an interest in trains, history and/or New York City.

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