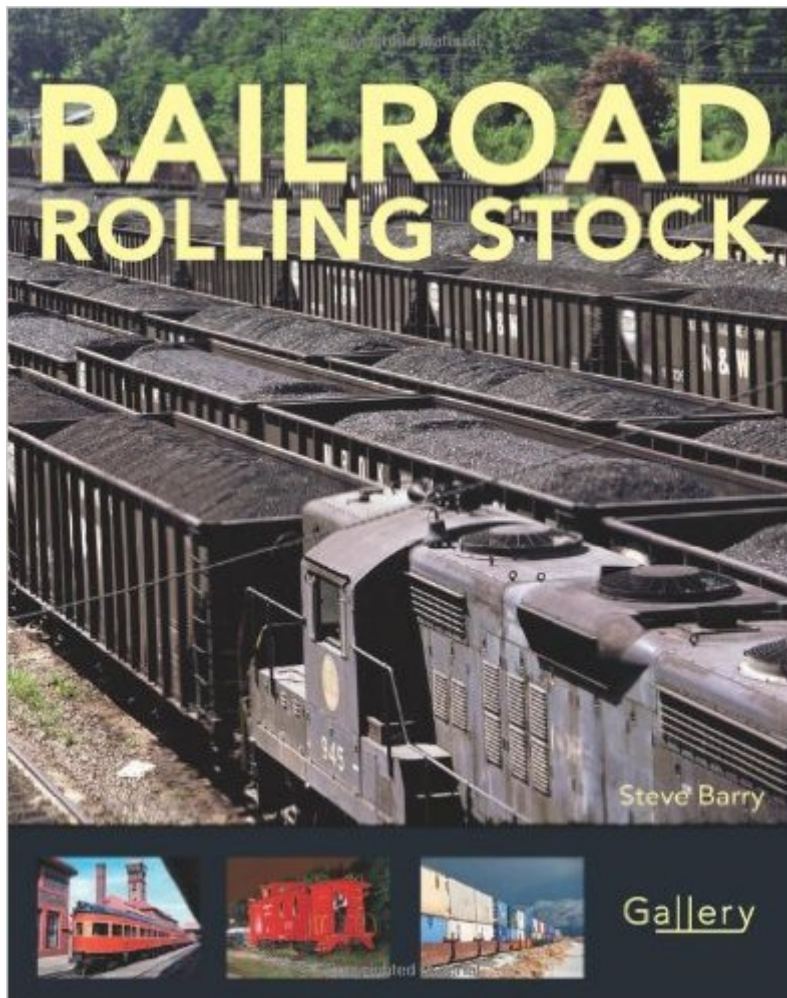


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# Railroad Rolling Stock (Gallery)



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For as long as locomotives have been the stars of North American railroads, rolling stock has trundled and raced along behind, carrying raw materials, finished goods, and people. Illustrated with more than 250 photographs, *Railroad Rolling Stock* traces the evolution of various forms of rolling stock from throughout the history of North American railroading. Each chapter features a specific type: from boxcars, gondolas, and hoppers to tankcars, flatcars, and auto racks, intermodal rolling stock, passenger equipment, the venerable caboose, and even maintenance-of-way (MOW) equipment. Throughout, the photographs reflect the grand geographic and technological breadth of North American railroading and are accompanied by detailed captions identifying the rolling stock pictured and explaining their roles in the history of North American railroading from the "Golden Age" to present.

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Book is very small so check the dimensions before you buy! The things I didn't like was that the information and pictures or minimal at best. Its like they just took any old rail car picture and printed it, like in the flat car section, most of the pictures are of loaded car's and from far away you cant see any details, marking or anything, and then just a few cars. Pretty useless if your looking for information on a flat car or any other car for that matter. The book just barely skims over the top of the equipment that it claims to cover. You will find more information in just a few modelers

magazines! I am not happy at all. I will pay attention to who gave this book positive reviews and file it away.

Most of the attention from railroad enthusiasts is aimed at either the steam or diesel engines at the front of trains or to the cabooses that used to be at the end of each freight train. Much less attention was paid to the cars that made up the center of the freight train. Yet the cars in the middle of the train carry the payload of all trains. The payloads which finance all the trains and railroad companies. I write articles for my internet website blog on old farm tractors and farm machinery. Sometimes, I include small excerpts in the article about the movement of the tractor or machine from the factory to the dealership. Usually this was done by train. Thus, my focus on trains had been on the middle cars carrying that part of the payload made up of tractors and farm machinery that part of the payload carried by train from the factory to the dealership. This book which contains detailed information on the

If you are looking for a foamer's book (UK term for railspotters) which can help you identify every single rivet and detail of every type of rolling stock out there this is not your book. However, if you are a general rail fan and you are interested to know how each type of car came into being, what it does, how it works, and how it evolved as railroads evolved AND if you care to read the text, this is a very good book. As I was reading through each section I was repeatedly impressed how the book clearly and thoroughly lays out each type of car and why they exist. For instance, tank cars can be insulated or uninsulated, pressurized and non-pressurized, and can (often) contain baffles to keep the liquids from sloshing around. The little domes on the top of (mostly unpressurized) tank cars allow for expansion of liquid if the contents become hot. Regarding cabooses, their use for the conductor to fill out paperwork, to look up the train for smoke coming from axles in the train which have run out of oil, and in general for looking for defects on the current trains tracks and parallel tracks are some of the information you will get if you read this book. Also if you were in the caboose of the locomotive, from a dead stop, could be well under speed before the slack in the train suddenly surges the caboose forward into motion so you had to be ready to hang on. Those of the kinds of details, and more, that are in this book. Reading the words here, along with the photos, will give the average person a MUCH deeper appreciation about each type of car and how they work. This is a really good book for anyone who can read. Do keep in mind it is not a reference and you will likely only need to read it once. Oh, and look around, prices for this book vary WIDELY.

I like this sharp sturdy compact book. My copy was in excellent condition and has some really nice

pictures and reference. I like how the author organized this book. Its a nice little book to add to your train book collection

I am not a serious railfan, but I do love trains of all sorts. This book is chock full of great photos of rolling stock divided into categories by type. Not knowing much about rolling stock, I learned a lot from this book and added some words to my railroad vocabulary. My one complaint would be that the photos are not annotated with dates and locations. I thought I recognized some locales, but had no way of verifying them! Here's a list of the chapters: (1) Rolling Stock and the Railroads, (2) Serving Industry, (3) Flatcars, (4) Boxcars, (5) Tank Cars, (6) Hoppers, (7) Intermodal, (8) Maintenance-of-Way Equipment (9) Baggage Cars and RPOs, (10) Coaches, (11) Dining Cars, (12) Sleepers, (13) Observation, Parlor, and Business Cars, and (14) Caboose. This is a nice quality book with thick glossy pages and large photos. Very enjoyable!

I like this book. It has numerous color photos and is informative. This book is a quality product. Solid. Heavy. Durable for taking it out of the home. I found the text to be easy to understand and the categories were well thought out. In addition, the size of the book itself exudes ease of use and a portability to boot. Get this book. It is a welcomed addition to your railroad library.

The book is small and made for shipping at low cost. Pictures and content are OK. I would have gladly paid an extra 2 dollars for the extra cost to make it a better quality physical book

A nice book on the general categories of rolling stock. Not an in depth study, just a pleasing pictorial overview.

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