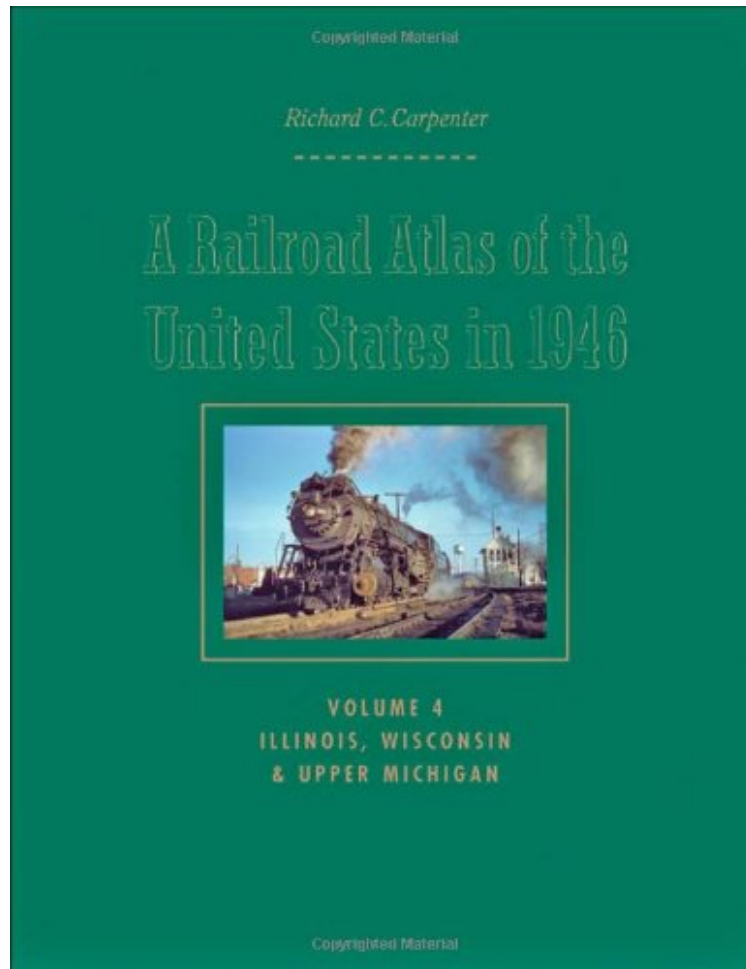


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Richard C. Carpenter : A Railroad Atlas of the United States in 1946: Volume 4: Illinois, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan (Creating the North American Landscape) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Railroad Atlas of the United States in 1946: Volume 4: Illinois, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan (Creating the North American Landscape):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Ultimate Railroad Atlas By Blue Ox For the railroad historian, this book contains the ultimate collection of hand-drawn maps of an area including Illinois, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Three other books produced so far in this series portray other areas. For many railfans like

myself, the trackage is a special interest, and 1946 was a great year for the amount of railroad trackage owned by the various railroads. Studying this large format book allows the reader to see where the tracks went back then, whether or not they are still with us today. It is amazing to view the amount of trackage in several of the larger gateway cities where rail lines converged. The rail lines are drawn in various colors so that each stands out from the others. Other indications include: station names, junctions, yards, abandoned trackage, mileage, trackage rights, and so on. Waterways are included, but not roads, so as to avoid confusing lines. Upon close reading, I did find a very few errors, such as the labeling of Galesburg, MI with map 127A that was actually of Galesburg, IL, for example. The fact that the book was printed in China is also a disappointment. Overall, this is a great comprehensive railroad reference. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Incredible detail

By doctom.ws This tome is a real work of love. It can only image the hours spent by the author poring over rail documents to produce the level of detail provided. Following the author's introduction and credits the reader is presented with an overview of the railroad lines serving Illinois, Wisconsin and upper Michigan to give one the big picture. Then there is a grid to direct the reader to his geographic area of interest. At the end of the book are comments/notations about the particulars of the piece of real estate depicted on the grid. By picking 1946 as his focus, Mr. Carpenter shows us the way the railroad landscape looked at arguably its very pinnacle. Nice work!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must own for students of rail history

By Wandering boy This is volume 4 in the "Railroad Atlas of the United States in 1946". As with the other three volumes, this is packed full of accurate maps detailing the extent of the rails reach at its peak in both passenger and material goods shipment. It is shortly after this time that passenger service begins its decline in the US, and rails as a whole, begin their more than thirty year decline. Looking at these maps gives one a true understanding of the importance of rail travel and commerce at the end of WW II

With his meticulously crafted, hand-drawn maps of America's complex and extensive railroad network, Richard C. Carpenter recaptures a time when steam locomotives were still king and passenger trains stopped at nearly every town. Before railroad mergers forced the abandonment of thousands of miles of line and passengers chose to hop behind the wheel of a car rather than buy a train ticket, the United States, at its post-World War II apex, boasted what many considered the finest passenger railroad system in the world. The fourth volume in this acclaimed series illustrates in stunning detail the rail system in Illinois, Wisconsin, and upper Michigan. Charting not only the exact direction and distance of each rail line, Carpenter also includes with precision the railroads' operational details: both existing and long-since-demolished signal towers, interlockings, passenger stations, major rail yards, repair shops, crew change points, trackage rights and joint operations, and other rarely mapped, rail-specific sites. The book's unique format allows easy cross-referencing with U.S. Geological Survey maps and DeLorme state road atlases. Also highlighted are rivers, lakes, and state and county boundaries, as well as the mileposts for every line. These beautifully rendered maps tell the fascinating story of America's unparalleled railroad network in 1946. Anyone interested in how people and goods moved around the country will find much to learn and appreciate in Richard Carpenter's one-of-a-kind railroad atlases.

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