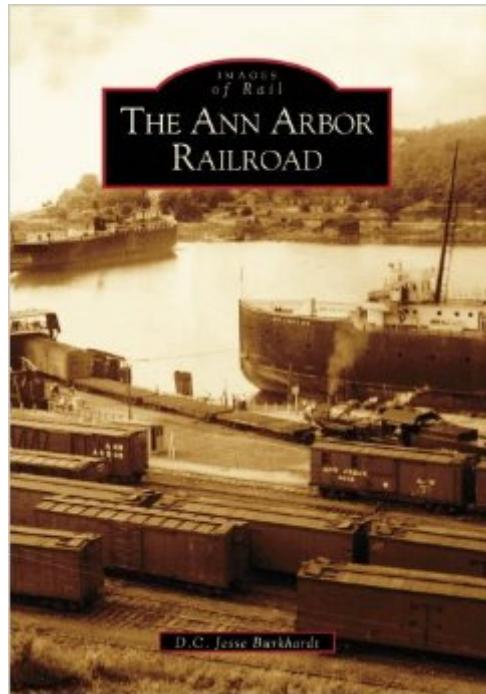


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Synopsis

With a mainline that originated in the industrial port city of Toledo, Ohio, the Ann Arbor Railroad stretched northwest in a diagonal line across the length of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan to reach Frankfort and adjacent Elberta, where its tracks terminated on the shore of Lake Michigan. From its Elberta facility, the Ann Arbor blended trains and Great Lakes carferries to operate a unique transportation system that survived for nearly a century. This book documents the Ann Arbor Railroad's legacy through rare photographs and historical research, and carries the reader on a visual journey through this influential railroad's storied past.

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This book is a pictorial overview of the Ann Arbor railroad from its creation to the present day Tuscola & Saginaw Bay Railroad (TSBY). Included is a section on the Railroad Car Ferries that were so much a part of the Ann Arbor railroad. This book is a wonderful introduction to the Ann Arbor, but long time fans will find little new information. The books in the Images of Rail series all follow the same general format, one or two pictures per page and a very complete caption for each picture. Because of the large number of pictures, you can think of this as a coffee table book that is published in a trade paperback format. The longest section of text in the book is the author's introduction. Most of the pictures are from the author's personal collection. The inclusion of a section on the Ann Arbor Car Ferries makes this a book that will interest fans of Great Lakes Shipping as well as railfans. External views of several of the latter boats (all great lakes vessels are boats) are

included. It is worth noting that the Annie (as the railroad was often called) had more route miles by water than by rail. If you are looking for pictures for modeling, or to show some part of the Annie to someone, you will find this a wonderful book. If, on the other hand, you are looking for a detailed history of the daily operations of the Ann Arbor Railroad, you will need to find other sources of information as well.

A worthy member of the "Images of America" series. The book has mostly images of locomotives and stations of the Ann Arbor Railroad, with a fair representation of the car ferries. My copy was donated to the library of the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society, and it has not stayed on the shelf for more than a minute or two since. The text gives enough information to put the pictures into context, but doesn't go into a lot of corporate history. I consider that an asset in this case.

I remember going to Frankfort as a boy watching the trains and car ferries. I bought the book to use as a reference for building a model railroad of the Ann Arbor. I highly recommend this book.

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