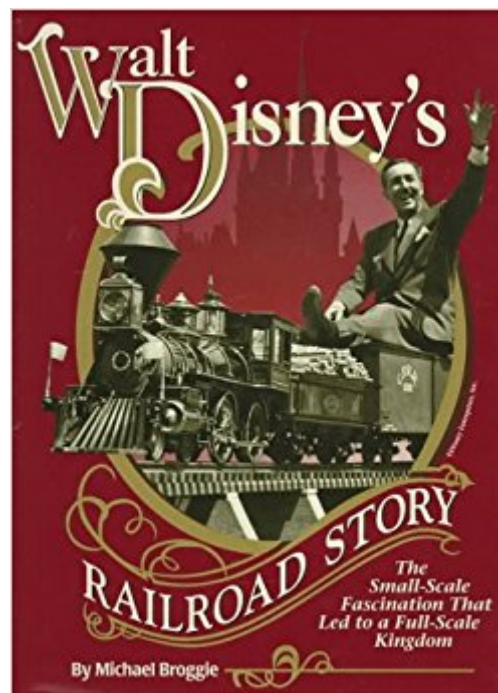




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Walt Disney's Railroad Story: The Small-Scale Fascination That Led To A Full-Scale Kingdom



Synopsis

Thousands of books and articles have been written about Walt Disney and his organization, yet few people realize the significance railroading played in the evolution of the Disney empire. Encouraged by Walt's family and railfans inside and outside the Disney organization, Michael Broggie has chronicled the tale of Walt Disney's personal involvement in railroading. This book unveils the private realm of Disney railroading through hundreds of photographs, many of which have never before been made public, and interviews with Mrs. Walt Disney, Diane Disney Miller, Ward Kimball, Ollie Johnston, Bob Harpur, Bill Cottrell, Roger Broggie, Bill Evans, and many others. Walt Disney's love affair with trains began in his hometown of Marceline, Missouri. His first job was selling tobacco, candy, and newspapers on the Missouri Pacific line. By 1950, his enthusiasm for realistic model trains had evolved into an elaborate backyard live steam railroad. Walt's Carolwood Pacific Railroad included a 46-foot-long trestle, loops, overpasses, gradients, an elevated dirt berm, and a 90-foot tunnel underneath Mrs. Disney's flower bed! The complete history of the Disney railroads, from small scale models to steam trains for the Disney parks is covered. This is a book all Disney collectors and railroad enthusiasts will want to experience! Over 300 illustrations, many previously unpublished. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Great book that is hard to find. I grew up riding the Disneyland Railroad and fell in love with trains at a young age. This book focuses upon Walt's journey in his growing interest in trains. This is a large

coffee table book printed using quality paper and a plethora of photographs I have not seen elsewhere. Written in chronological order, the author includes extras to add interest such as tangent topics indicated with a little cartoon of a Mickey glove pulling a railroad switch. For the novice train enthusiast, the glossary of railroad terms is invaluable; also includes four appendices, a bibliography, further information and an index. At over 400 enormous pages, it contains enough detail for nearly any Disney fan.

This is a great research book on an entertainment genius and the loves of his life (TRAINS!!) I had an opportunity to meet the author about a week after I received my book, and saw his presentation about the writing of this book. He (Michael Broggie) was very close to the Disney Family during the fifties and sixties, and he was in the right place to produce this work. I recommend it to anyone wishing to know more about the private Walt Disney, his passion for railroads, and some of his closest associates (like Ward Kimball , whom I had the opportunity to meet in person in 1986). Lots of pictures.

Fast shipping. Item as described. Thanks!

A friend of mine loaned me the book. I then decided to order one from .com through one of the private sellers for a great price. When I read how the locomotives were obtained for the Walt Disney World Railroad, I remember a conversation I had back in 1994 with one of Disney World's Magic Kingdom cast members who operated the WDRR. I noticed that the locomotive was a 4-4-0. A cast member there told me all four of the locomotives were found in Mexico, which confirmed what Michael Broggie wrote. Surely if I could not ride a train being pulled by a 4-4-0 so many, many years ago on the west coast, it was complete satisfaction to me that I was able to ride the WDRR train being pulled by a 4-4-0 locomotive on this month in 1994. The book just totally fascinates me about Walt Disney's love of trains. As I will subscribe to a computer model railroad simulation program, I sure like to run a layout similar to Walt Disney's Carolwood Pacific's. Railroads were Walt Disney's dream long before my pal Mickey came around. I visit Disneyland later this month. Thanks be to God for the grace and soul of Walt Disney. He left a legacy for all of us to savor and enjoy.

Great book for Disney fans!!!!!!

This railroad book about Walt Disney arrived in good order. Back in the mid 1990's, I had seen this

book at the bookstore in Disney Village, in Florida. Since it was a heavy book, I decided to drop by later in the week and pick it up. Opps, sold out. So, several years later, I chanced upon this title on . This is an excellent book on Walt's fascination with trains and how it inspired him to start his great parks in California and Florida. The books has some great pictures of these mini-scale trains. I'm thankful that provided this book and great service in shipping and handling. Thanks. B.L.

From an early age, Walt Disney was smitten with trains - he worked on one as a newsboy when he was in his teens. Fast forward and Walt (no one who worked for him called him Mr. Disney) got hooked on live steam model trains and had one on his property on Carolwood Ave large enough to ride - which is now in the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco. This is the story behind the train fanatic named Walt Disney.

This Disney book offered through Carolwood Pacific topped my husband's Christmas list. The listed price was much less than I expected. The book arrived on time and in perfect condition. I was so surprised that the company had it autographed by the author!! My husband will be thrilled. Thanks, , for making this available.

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