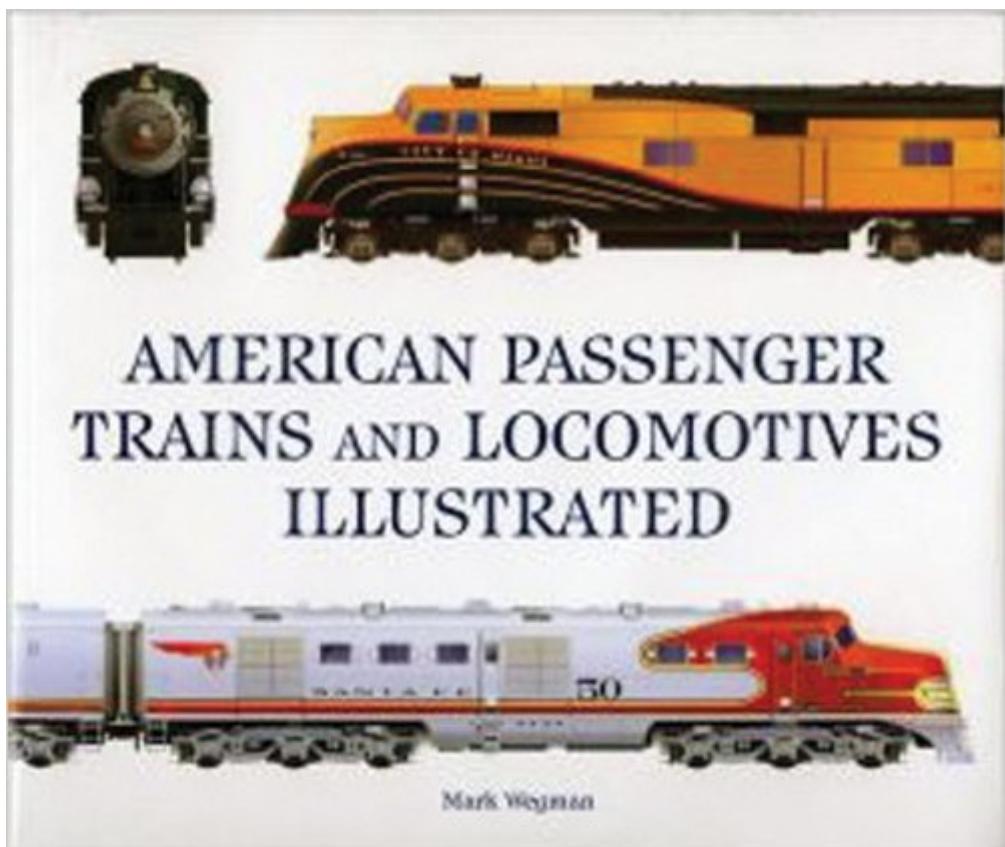


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Synopsis

Over the course of 15 years, author Mark Wegman researched original railroad company drawings, records, and even paint chips to render 180 color profiles, front view, top views, and interior layouts representing the steam, diesel, and electric locomotives and the passenger cars of more than 40 of the most celebrated golden-age "name" trains across the nation. Wegman's drawings are accompanied by histories of each train and dozens of period photographs, postcards, menus, luggage stickers, and print ads. The result is a lavishly appointed journey back in time to the zenith of the US passenger train travel.

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Having seen Mark Wegman's stunning train illustrations I thought a book full of them would be a must-have. Well, the book does contain 180 but unfortunately it also contains a lot of other photos of trains so that, to my mind, it becomes just another bland train picture book. Because Wegman's art is far superior to the photos in the book I would have thought, editorially, the illustrations should be as big as possible but some of the loco photos are bigger and they are, unfortunately, just repeating the same angle view as Wegman's lovely artwork. He has produced profiles of the locos, front, back and from above, the carriages are profiled and this includes looking down on the interiors. The detail and care that has gone into these illustrations is very impressive. The photo repetition just seems so unnecessary. Page ninety-five has an almost profile color shot of Southern Pacific's Daylight and over the page is Wegman's classy looking profile illustration but smaller than the photo. Page

ninety-one has profile art of Seaboard's Silver Meteor and over the page there is a large photo of the same unit, page eighty-nine has an illustration and a photo of the front of Chicago & North Western's: The 400. All this is just pointless duplication, probably to pad out the pages. Another problem with the book is the dull presentation and thoughtless design. Many pages have empty space as if some image has been left out or the copy fell short. Several pages use period railroad ads which are far too small to read but could easily have been larger and so readable. The photo quality varies enormously as one would expect but this only throws up the quality of Wegman's train illustrations.

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