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## **Making Tracks A Whistle-stop Tour of Railway History**

**Peter Saxton**

### **Keynote**

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### **Description**

**Hop on board as we journey through the incredible history of railways.**

Cherished, admired and frequently used as an excuse for lateness, the railways occupy a special place in our hearts. Trains are not just a practical mode of transport, but also a way of tracing our social history over the past 150 years, from technological progress and design to cultural change and the impact they have had on our landscape.

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This book also includes railway trivia from around the world, from the locomotive to the Japanese bullet train. A broad range of aspects is covered, from the types of trains and services, key people and station architecture, to station pets, accidents and crime, and the depiction of the railways in literature and art.

Chock-full of information, and illustrated with line drawings throughout, this miscellany is perfect for railway enthusiasts, history buffs or those who would like to learn more about this fascinating form of transport that is so often taken for granted.

### **Sales Points**

- A beautifully packaged compendium of railway facts and trivia, with delightful line drawings throughout
- Covers everything from types of trains to timetables and stations to curious and incredible train tales
- A charming gift, perfect for railway enthusiasts, history buffs and those keen to broaden their knowledge of one of Britain's most frequented modes of transport, used by 4 million people in the UK daily
- Author Peter Saxton has been fascinated by the railways from an early age. He worked for British Rail for twelve years, before moving to the world of books.

### **Author Biography**

Born in Wimbledon in 1962, Peter Saxton developed an early interest in railways. On leaving university he joined British Rail and spent twelve years working at various London locations, including a stint at the International Office at Victoria. A complete career change then took him into the world of books – he has spent fifteen years at a leading bookseller and currently works in supplier relations.

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