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# Requiem For Steam: The Railroad Photographs Of David Plowden



## Synopsis

Stunning photographs by a master photographer documenting the last of the steam locomotives. As a child, David Plowden was given a box camera, and before long he began to photograph railroad trains. As he matured and started on what would become a lifetime in photography, trains—specifically steam locomotives—became one of his passions, and then they were eclipsed by modern diesel locomotives. It is our good fortune that Plowden was on the scene at the end, documenting what would become this book, his reverent tribute to the steam era. 140 tritone photos

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## Customer Reviews

David Plowden's book *Requiem for Steam* is a must have title for anyone interested in the last years of the Steam Locomotive in America. Mr. Plowden's B&W photos are impressive, they are in the same class as those of O. Winston Link or Ansel Adams. Equally impressive is Mr. Plowden's style of descriptive writing. He takes us back to those days, describing things in exquisite detail and we get the complete sensation of what it was like, telling us of all the smells, sights and sensations that were part of the Steam Locomotive era. Many of the photos are from the last days of steam on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, However his photos are not limited to just the CP. Indeed there are pictures on the GN and various Midwestern and eastern locales as well. If you like O. Winston Link's books, you will definitely want to add this book to your collection. Highly Recommended!

This book delivers. It was a Christmas present for my father, a lover of steam engines. His first real

job was shoveling coal into the firebox of a steam engine. He has been raving about the photos as well as the writing in the book.

Three stars because there was only one photo which was new to me. I have all of his railroad books and a few of his other books so I've seen the pictures before. Mr. Plowden is a wonderful photographer and captured images of the last days of steam locomotives in a way that very few other people have.

This is North American steam railroading seen through the eyes of a master photographer. His composition, his light, and his humanity create images that will move anyone who sees them. If you love photography and if you also love railroading, you need to see this book.

Bought it for the pictures and no disappointment when opening the book

everything i expected, david plowden understands the beauty of what used to be. he is a decent writer as well. having seen late steam outside of buffalo i wish there was a time machine. nuff said

This book was a gift for a train enthusiast. We have heard good reviews from him about this book. In fact when he opened it at Christmas, his eyes lit up, as did the eyes of his oldest son, age 6. I think it was a good purchase.

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