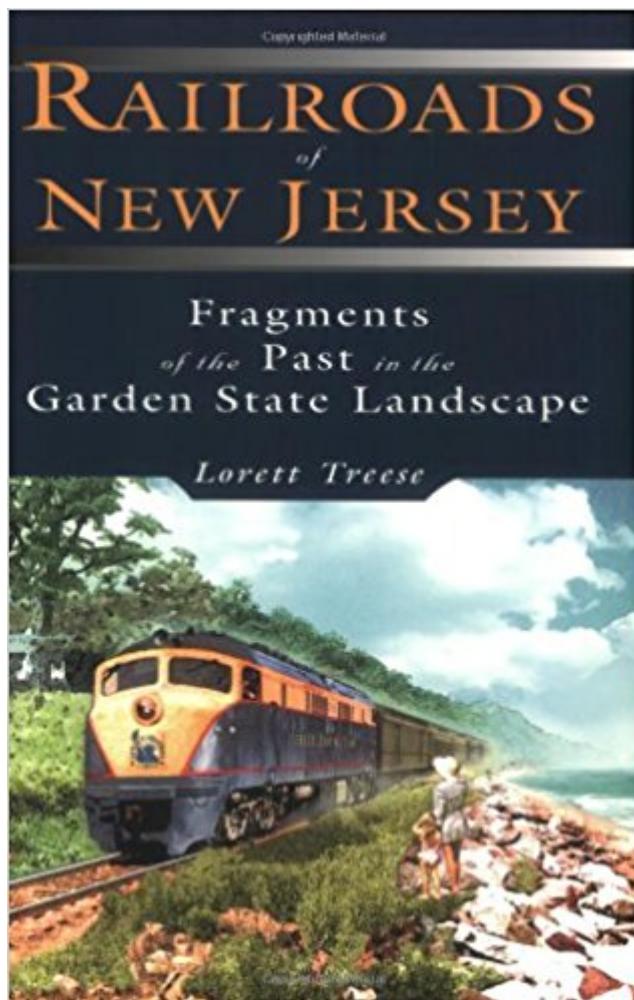


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# Railroads Of New Jersey: Fragments Of The Past In The Garden State Landscape



## **Synopsis**

Dividing the state into regions, the author recounts the stories of the people and events that shaped the state's railroad history, explores the major phases of the industry's development, and identifies the state's rail-culture relics--steam and diesel locomotives, routes, bridges, stations, and landmarks, as well as tourist railroad lines and Rails to Trails paths.

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## **Customer Reviews**

For those of you who cannot get enough of railroad history, this book will brighten your day. --Live Steam  
Informative and very satisfying to read. --Library Journal

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The strong points of this book are the outstanding color painting on the front cover, contact information, and useful bibliography list. I would like to have seen more photos of trains from 1930-1960 and fewer landscapes. From 1930-60 some famous and colorful trains served New Jersey including The Broadway Limited, The Blue Comet, The Royal Blue, The Crusader and The Phoebe Snow. The comment about Asbury Park under the photo on page 159 was inappropriate. Their public library was a great resource when I did some research on The New York & Long Branch RR. I would still recommend this book to those interested in New Jersey railroads.

this book desperately needs maps to clarify text descriptions of multidudinous rail lines, comparable to sister volume, "Railroads of Southern New England". It's fascinating how profoundly railroads have shaped the landscape and patterns of settlement and urban development as we know it today.

If you love railroads and railroad history, this book is a must have if you visit or live in New Jersey. This book opened up great places to visit for this rail fan to visit. Many of the interesting places to visit would be unexpected and unnoticed were it not for this book. First read the book. Then put the book in your travel bag or the glove compartment of your car. You are now ready to enjoy the rich railroad heritage of New Jersey!

Loret Treese makes the past come to life. The fragments of the past are right under our noses if we would only look.

A good well rounded book on local railroads. Not extremely detailed but has enough facts for the average rail fan.

The more you already know about the Jersey landscape the more you find out about it. I definitely recommend.RR

You don't have to be a train nut (ie, "foamer") to appreciate this book. It mainly contains railroad history; lively and opinionated\* descriptions of today's operating rail lines, including mass transit/subway-style trains and light rail; anecdotes; and rail trail info. It's designed to be browsable, like a travel guide, and that's the best way to approach it. I found the rail trail info especially helpful: I thought I knew about most of the state's rail trails, but was pleasantly surprised to find out how ignorant I was (eg, never heard of the Capoolong Creek rail trail in Hunterdon County).\*My favorite was when she and her husband fled a restaurant near the PATCO line when they learned it was in a "dry" town!

This book is very good, and the way it is laid out is well thought out. Each area of the state is put in to zones that can be pointed to and say, this railroad was here or is here. And that one was down there. I really liked the area that is around New York City, " The Gateway area." It tells you where it is in a nutshell.

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