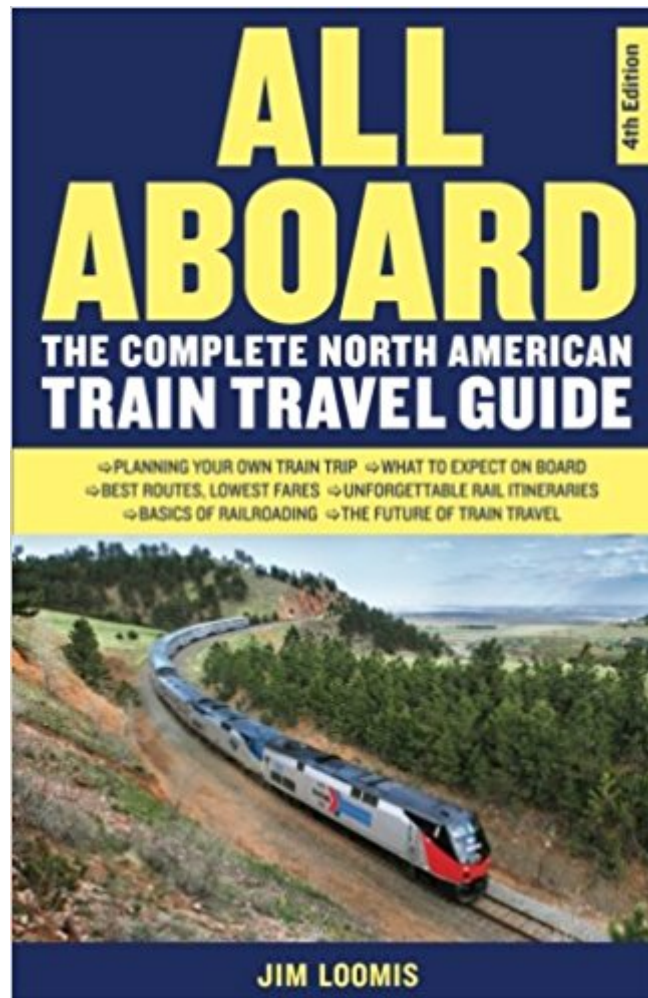




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“All Aboard is a comprehensive guide, of particular usefulness to generations that have

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Jim Loomis writes frequent columns about train travel for Sunday newspaper travel sections and has ridden every one of Amtrak's routes, including taking all their long-distance trains multiple times, logging nearly 200,000 miles on trains in the U.S. alone. He has also traveled across Canada on VIA Rail five times and is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Railroad Passengers. He lives in Haiku, Hawaii.

This book is extremely well written, and very engaging. It really talks about all aspects of rail travel in North America. Whenever I started reading this book, I just could not stop!! I highly recommend this book for anyone who is a train enthusiast, someone who wants ideas for a train trip, or is going to take a train trip and wants some helpful tips. I love this book!!!!

We purchased this book before taking our first extended train trip from Chicago to Glacier National Park in the fall of 2016. To say it was invaluable is an understatement. We traveled in a sleeper car, and the insight as to packing, what to expect, hints about dining and the sleeping car attendant--and much more--proved helpful. Not to mention, the history and mechanics of railway travel made for fascinating reading. Fellow travelers who were also "newbies" commented that they wished they'd had this resource when planning their travel.

If you are going to take one of the long haul Amtrak trains across the country and have never done it before you would be well served to obtain this book. It covers just about every aspect of any trip you will take on one of our US passenger trains. Get the book a month or so before you go. It will prepare you for most eventualities. It's well written and easy to understand.

This book is the best place to start if you are thinking about travelling by train - especially long distance pleasure trips. Some info is a little dated but doesn't affect the quality of the information. Can't wait to go on a long distance train trip!!!

Good read for railroad enthusiasts

A great reference book

This is a very comprehensive and educational book. It contains all the routes as well as educational material about trains.

This book wasn't what I expected. It's good for inexperienced travelers. Had I picked it up in a bookstore I would not have purchased it but I've traveled all over the US and Europe (often by train) so it didn't do much to help me. I was expecting more details of the places along the various routes Amtrak covers.

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