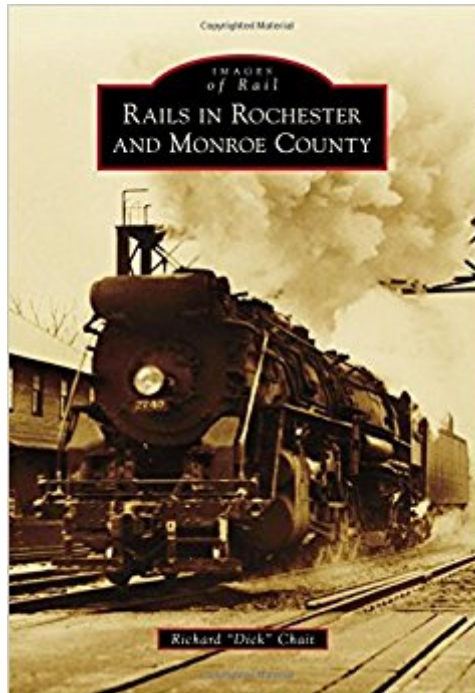




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Customer Reviews

Richard "Dick" Chait has been an avid rail fan throughout his life. This is reflected in both his writing and societal activities. Living in the city of Rochester and then in the town of Irondequoit, he saw firsthand how economic growth and rail transportation of the region were intertwined. Currently a resident of Northern Virginia, he remains a rail fan, devoting much of his time to his family, travels, and toy train collection.

Having grown up very close to the Charlotte to Rochester track, I remember the smoke rising above the houses across the street from my bedroom window. With friends, we walked the tracks to the

Lake (Ontario) and up the other side of the Genesee past the coal loader, which was active with a steam engine and the coal shaker that could be heard for miles. The book is full of interesting pictures and information, especially for those who might remember some of it. A friend and I went into Rochester and rode one of the last "subway" trolleys just days before ending passenger operations. For anyone interested in a piece of area history this is a concise, interesting and inexpensive way to do it. "Rails in Rochester" is just one of an excellent series of historical books provided by the publishers covering towns and industries over a wide area of the country, with many here in New England.

I especially like the photos taken near my current employer, The Gleason Works. Some of the old tracks are still in the floor of the old foundry area.

An interesting historical account of the importance of railroads in the development of Rochester and Monroe County, New York from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century. Outstanding photos garnered from extensive collections from the author's private collections, other private collections, libraries, and historical societies provide the backdrop for this interesting narrative. Its explicit and straight-forward style makes this book enjoyable for the layperson, as well as the scholar interested in the profound effect railroads had on local and national economic development.

This book is most interesting for someone who likes his/her railroads with a touch of historical perspective. Thoroughly enjoyable read with unique photographs. Adds to knowledge of railroads and electric street cars important to NY state development.

Very well researched and second-to-none photos. A must-have for any train connoisseur.

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