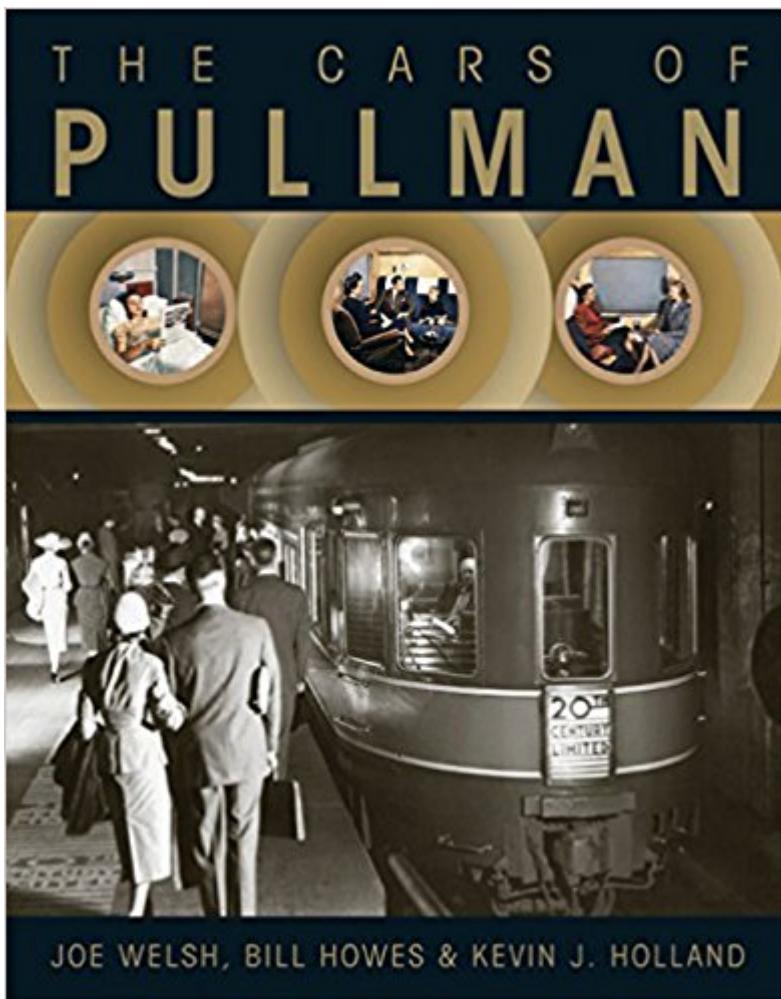


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# The Cars Of Pullman



## **Synopsis**

One of America's greatest business enterprises, the Pullman Company provided outstanding service aboard a vast fleet of railroad passenger cars that could be found in almost every nook and cranny of the United States. This illustrated history examines Pullman's diverse fleet, from its spectacular custom-built wooden cars of the nineteenth century to steel heavyweight cars in the prewar years and on into the lightweight streamlined era. Pullman cars are a tribute to a hard-working generation of men and women who worked to bring the coasts of the United States together efficiently and in style. Author Joe Welsh includes period photos, many in rare color, as well as car diagrams and ads that help trace the development, composition, and evolution of the historically and culturally significant Pullman fleet, including the gamut of sleeper, parlor, and restaurant cars. Take an interesting look into the time period that relied on train cars, as well as the classic style of the cars themselves. This is a fitting tribute to the former cultural icons aboard which strode giants of American life, such as Babe Ruth and Clark Gable, as well as first-time travelers from small-town America.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The real glory of this handsomely designed book is its rich illustration. Joe Welsh, Bill Howes, and Kevin J. Holland are top-notch photo researchers and archivists, which they prove here with a great selection of 19th century glass-plate photos, heavy-weight-era publicity photos, Pullman promotions and car diagrams, and some impressive postwar color action. The authors also have the good

sense to go beyond train and car photos. Using photographer Jim Scribbins' candid interior view of the Seaboard Air Line's peerless Sun Lounge across a full spread is brilliant photo editing and typical of the entire book. Anyone interested in passenger railroading - including modelers - will love this book. Trains - November 2010

Joe Welsh is a regular contributor to Trains and Classic Trains magazines and has appeared on the History Channel. He is the author of 12 books including the critically acclaimed Travel by Pullman, co-authored with William F. Howes, Jr. He resides in Auburn, Washington. Bill Howes is the former director of The Pullman Company and a former vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Mr. Howes is the co-author of Travel by Pullman and vice-president of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society. He lives in Florida. Kevin J. Holland is a freelance writer, editor, and publications designer based in Burlington, Ontario. He has written and produced more than 15 books and is a regular contributor to Classic Trains.

I was hoping for a basic pictorial look at Pullman cars. What the book gave me, in addition to the great pictures, was a history of the Pullman philosophy including the good and bad of car design, industry problems, and the demise of passenger traffic that paralleled Pullman. Not covered in much detail was the town of Pullman, but has other books that cover the town in detail. If you are interested in Pullman rolling stock this is the book for you. If you are interested in the history of Pullman as a business read that first and this book second. It gives you a better overall perspective.

1940 was the first year that I traveled in a train. I went with my parents between Philadelphia and Chicago in a Pullman. We traveled in a 14 section. What a great adventure that trip was. As a youngster, I was hooked on riding in a Pullman and still am. Great memories flooded back as I went through this book. Clearly, if you have ever ridden in a Pullman this is the book for you! If you have even the slightest interest in train travel you will find this book a joy. My childhood love of train travel that developed in my youth, has also translated itself into HO model railroading as an adult. As you might guess, I model passenger trains. Besides building cars, I also detail the interiors of the Pullman cars. The typical train book shows exterior shots of an engine with any cars behind the engine fading in the distance. Black and white interior shots of Pullmans are few, if any. A color shot of the interior is never there. The Cars of PULLMAN changes the playing field in that there are ten or so COLOR photographs of Pullman interiors plus a great number of black and white pictures and drawings. Thank you Welsh, Howes and Holland for your great book! This is a book that I waited

more than a half century for!

This is a very good book that provides numerous photo's that are not seen in other books covering the same subject. The quality of the book, as well as the information provided is very good and it makes a good addition to my railroad library. Also the price of this second edition reprint is very reasonable.

This book provided a detailed look at the history of The Pullman Company. It was well documented and well written. For me, a really "cool" thing in the book were the pictures, art and advertising done by the great railroads of our nation. I could touch, I have an iPad, any of these afore mentioned illustrations and they enlarged. Another touch with my stylus and they would return to the original size. This gives the reader a closer look at the detail of the various cars as they are described in the book. I recommend this book to anyone interested in railroad history. Or perhaps someone who wants to learn more about a company that was an integral part of the history of our nation. I'm sad that the great railroads along with the beautiful cars of later years are now history. What a wonderful way to travel . . . yes, it was a Golden Age!

I have always been curious about Pullman cars since in my early years when I rode from Seattle, Wash, to Phila. Pa on the train with my mother and sister. As a teenager I rode with my grandfather from Newark, N.J. to Oak Hill, W.VA. on an overnight train. As a college student I rode a Parlor Car from Chicago to Red Oak, Iowa. I have always had the desire to see the many different kind of sleeping cars and this book has more than answered all my questions. One drawback is that some of the detailed layouts of pullman cars are so small, I need a magnifier to see all the details. Nevertheless, the text is easy to read and there is lots of information to read. I am glad that I made the purchase.

Very well written and illustrated book about the overnight sleepers of Pullman. The book outlines the first Pullman sleepers to the final cars produced. The various advances in comfort and luxury are well detailed in the book. It explains how the Pullman company operate in conjunction with the major railroads. There are many exterior and interior shots of the cars, the interiors many being period photos from their archive or marketing and advertising files. Recommend the book to anyone interested in the story of Pullman.

This book has many well reproduced color photos. I wish there were more of the insides of the Pullman cars and fewer of the outsides. Still, it's good that this item is available, especially for those of us who regularly traveled in the Pullmans.

Great illustrations and information. A worthwhile addition to my library.

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