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"Herein, we bring you to sites that have been central to the lives of 'the people' of Greater Boston over four centuries. You'll visit sites associated with the area's indigenous inhabitants and with the individuals and movements who sought to abolish slavery, to end war, challenge militarism, and bring about a more peaceful world, to achieve racial equity, gender justice, and sexual liberation, and to secure the rights of workers. We take you to some well-known sites, but more often to ones far off the well-beaten path of the Freedom Trail, to places in Boston's outlying neighborhoods. We also visit sites in numerous other municipalities that make up the Greater Boston region--from places such as Lawrence, Lowell and Lynn to Concord and Plymouth. The sites to which we do 'travel' include homes given that people's struggles, activism, and organizing sometimes unfold, or are even birthed in many cases in living rooms and kitchens. Trying to capture a place as diverse and dynamic as Boston is highly challenging. (One could say that about any 'big' place.) We thus want to make clear that our goal is not to be comprehensive, or to 'do justice' to the region. Given the constraints of space and time as well as the limitations of knowledge--both our own and what is available in published form--there are many important sites, cities, and towns that we have not included. Thus, in exploring scores of sites across Boston and numerous municipalities, our modest goal is to paint a suggestive portrait of the greater

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urban area that highlights its long-contested nature. In many ways, we merely scratch the region's surface--or many surfaces--given the multiple layers that any one place embodies. In writing about Greater Boston as a place, we run the risk of suggesting that the city writ-large has some sort of essence. Indeed, the very notion of a particular place assumes intrinsic characteristics and an associated delimited space. After all, how can one distinguish one place from another if it has no uniqueness and is not geographically differentiated? Nonetheless, geographer Doreen Massey insists that we conceive of places as progressive, as flowing over the boundaries of any particular space, time, or society; in other words, we should see places as processual or ever-changing, as unbounded in that they shape and are shaped by other places and forces from without, and as having multiple identities. In exploring Greater Boston from many venues over 400 years, we embrace this approach. That said, we have to reconcile this with the need to delimit Greater Boston--for among other reasons, simply to be in a position to name it and thus distinguish it from elsewhere"--

Queen City Rails serves to tell the story of the story of the final 25 years of serious railroad operations in and around Manchester, New Hampshire featuring photographs from some of New England's most prolific railroad photographers and collections. Wakefield and Brookfield, located at the geographic center of New England, lie in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Incorporated in 1774, Wakefield was a small agricultural community until the arrival of the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1871.

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The railroad brought economic and cultural changes to the town, shifting the town center from Wakefield Corner to Wolfeboro Junction (now Sanbornville) and giving rise to a bustling downtown business center and thriving ice-cutting industry. Brookfield became an independent town in 1794. Farmers were drawn to the town's fertile ground, and the area has remained quietly rural into the present. Both towns continue to draw visitors to their many lakes and ponds, as they have done for more than a century. Wakefield and Brookfield illustrates the shared history and diverging identities of these small towns.

A blend of oral history and memoir with a good dose of quirky humor, *Tar Heel Traveler: New Journeys Across North Carolina* is a celebratory look at the people and places of North Carolina. WRAL-TV reporter Scott Mason—the *Tar Heel Traveler*—profiles colorful characters and out-of-the-way places. The sequel consists of all new material and showcases twenty-five of Mason's most memorable television stories along with the amusing stories behind each.

Today, the sounds of steam whistles and trains are no longer heard among the mountains and valleys in most of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, though to the west and south in the Connecticut Valley and in north-central Massachusetts, steel rails are still very much alive. The two-volume set of *Iron Roads of the Monadnock Region* brings to life the story of now largely forgotten railroads that once operated in the area, shining new light on the roads' stories from their beginnings to the present. Authors

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Blodget and Richards detail how and why the roads were built in the first place, where they went and what they did, their roles in the economy of the Monadnock Region, and what became of them. Seven years in the making, this set is a compendium of little-known history, tracing the high and low points of the roads, their first and last trains, glory days, times of struggles, disasters, and wrecks. Loaded with hard-to-find historical information, indexed, and copiously illustrated and enriched by rare and unpublished photos--over 700 images, maps, and tables--it's all here, an essential reference for the serious rail fan.

New England is so compact that even casual visitors can sample its diverse history in just a short time. But travelers and residents alike can also pass right by historic buildings, landscapes, and iconic objects without noticing them. New England's Hidden Past presents the region's history in an engaging new way: through 58 lists of historic places and things usually hidden in plain sight in all six New England states. Pay attention and you'll find stone structures built by Indians, soaring churches financed by Franco-American millworkers, and public high schools started by colonists when New England was still a howling wilderness. You may have seen them, but you probably don't know the story behind them. New England's Hidden Past takes readers to the grave sites of revolutionary heroines, Loyalist house museums, as well as, Revolutionary taverns and colonial inns. It takes them to Indian trails, the oldest houses, historic department stores, ghost towns, and Little Italys. Each unique,

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interesting location or object has a counterpart in the other five New England states. A perfect guide to keep in the car and refer to when traveling New England or planning a trip.

The Boston & Maine Railroad has long captured the hearts of rail enthusiasts, and its locomotives are models of the majesty, power, and romance of American rail. The Boston & Maine was a railroad dynasty running through Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, and many still remember hearing the whistle blow as a Boston & Maine locomotive spewing smoke and steam pulled into the station. Boston & Maine Locomotives, the third volume in Arcadia's trio documenting the Boston & Maine Railroad, is a history of the locomotives that powered New England's most dominant line. The Ten Wheelers, the Mastodons, the Pacifics, and the other classes of locomotive are seen here as they pull passengers and freight throughout the Northeast. The Boston & Maine was one of the last railroads in the area to continue naming its locomotives, and those engines, from nineteenth-century steam to twentieth-century diesel, are recorded here. The Portland, the Newburyport, the General Sherman, and more ride New England's rails once again in Boston & Maine Locomotives.

Maine is populated with intriguing characters who set in motion a fascinating, compelling story of railroads and the unique communities they helped to build. One of the first states to build railroads and trolleys in the United States, Maine at one point had more than ninety communities with trolleys. Standard-gauge and "two-footers"

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crossed the state, including the St. Lawrence & Atlantic and the Bangor & Aroostook. From an international electric trolley to the attempted World War I dynamiting of a railroad bridge between the United States and Canada, the state is home to a rich rail heritage. Join Bill Kenny as he takes you on a journey from the first tracks made of wood to today's high-speed Downeaster Amtrak train.

From 1631 to the present, Old Orchard Beach has had a singularly rich history among New England's summer communities. Old Orchard was originally a small seacoast farming community nestled on the shore of Saco Bay. When the railroad came in 1873, the coast exploded into one of the grandest Victorian settings in Maine. It boasted famous religious camp meetings, transatlantic flights, big bands, big fires, harness racing, and automobile racing on the beach. The Kennedy family, Bette Davis, Fred Allen, Rosa and Carmen Ponselle, Pierre Trudeau, and Charles Lindbergh all rejuvenated themselves in this community. Old Orchard Beach is still a vacation mecca, and residents and visitors alike will find enjoyment and education within these pages. Cleveland and Its Streetcars takes the reader back to when railway cars dominated the local street scene. The book focuses on the era of 1910-1954, from the time that Cleveland Railway Company took over operation of the consolidated streetcar lines to the day that the last streetcar rumbled over the city's streets. Cleveland's trailer trains, articulated cars, and its Peter Witt car model were widely admired by the nation, and the streetcar reigned supreme through the end of World War II. In 1942, the Cleveland

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Transit System (CTS) took over the streetcar lines, and eager to "modernize" its fleet, it decided to replace the streetcars with buses, trackless trolleys, and a crosstown rapid transit line. After the end of the war, in May 1945, the first post-war conversion took place. Then the pace of replacing the streetcars with rubber-tired vehicles quickened. By 1954, the task was complete. This book, with over 200 photographs, documents this changing Cleveland scene--when a wonderful era in transportation flourished and then, sadly, disappeared.

New Hampshire was once a hotbed of abolitionist activity. But the state had its struggles with slavery, with Portsmouth serving as a slave-trade hub for New England. Abolitionists such as William Lloyd Garrison, Nathaniel Peabody Rogers and Stephen Symonds Foster helped create a statewide antislavery movement. Abolitionists and freed slaves assisted in transporting escapees to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Author Michelle Arnosky Sherburne uncovers the truth about slavery, the Underground Railroad and the abolitionist movement in New Hampshire.

As Maynard grew from a scattering of small hill farms to a booming center of industry and immigration, much of its colorful history was nearly forgotten. With a rollicking collection of his essays, newspaper columnist David A. Mark uncovers the hidden gems of the town's history. Learn why Babe Ruth shopped in Maynard during his Red Sox days and what they fed the animals at the Taylor mink ranch. Find out who is buried--and who is not--in the Maynard family crypt and which rock 'n' roll bands

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recorded in the studio upstairs from Woolworths on Main Street. Almost lost to time, these remarkable moments in history helped shape Maynard into the vibrant community that it is today.

All the romance of early railroading in northern New England pervades Boston & Maine in the 19th Century. This fascinating journey begins in the 1830s with an 8-mile line that just kept growing. By the end of the century, Boston & Maine was traveling over 2,324 miles of track. This first pictorial history of the Boston & Maine explores the heyday of an enterprising railroad. Using spectacular images, most of which have never before been published, the book takes us along scenic stretches of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Steam Trains of Yesteryear: The Monadnock, Steamtown & Northern Story is a comprehensive institutional history of the Monadnock, Steamtown & Northern Railroad, F. Nelson Blount's standard-gauge tourist excursion railroad, from its inception in 1960 and 1961 to its dissolution and transfer into the Steamtown Foundation in 1971. The colorful world of steam preservation in the early 1960s comes to life! Discussed at length are the MS&N's early operations on Claremont & Concord, Boston & Maine and Rutland Railroad lines in western New Hampshire and eastern Vermont. Also discussed are the subsequent political dealings and negotiations involving the search for a permanent home for Blount's

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museum, Steamtown USA, and the start of the freight-hauling Green Mountain Railroad. Scores of rare photographs-many in color-from premier photographers and collections throughout New England illustrate the history. Extensive research was conducted with newspaper and document archives as well as with the Blount family, historical societies, Steamtown NHS, and individuals who worked with Blount personally. Perhaps most importantly, Steam Trains of Yesteryear sets out to provide clarity, correction, and colorful details on the crucial and often-forgotten New England roots of the MS&N, Steamtown USA, and F. Nelson Blount.

With more than 200 rare images spanning a century of memories, The Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Volume II explores central New Hampshire's resort communities, its early rail service, and the recreation of the area. Author and historian Bruce D. Heald, Ph.D., has combined an exciting collection of images with a thoroughly researched text to continue the story of these unique communities. Discover the fascinating history of the region around Lake Winnepesaukee, Squam, Newfound, and Lake Wentworth. Visit the villages of Wolfeboro, Sandwich, Laconia, Franklin, the Ossipees, and Plymouth. Dr. Heald's experiences as an author, professor, and as Chief Purser aboard the MS Mount Washington for more than 30 years contribute greatly to this impressive

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pictorial collection.

As the twentieth century dawned, the Boston & Maine Railroad Company controlled virtually all of the rail lines in New Hampshire, as well as much of the service in Maine and Massachusetts. Ultimately, the company operated more than 2,000 stations in northern New England. The train was the most important mode of travel, and the stations were the center of the community. Boston & Maine in the 20th Century continues the first pictorial history of the railroad company, entitled Boston & Maine in the 19th Century. With more than 200 rare images and historical narrative, the book details the trains and their destinations: the terminals, stations, depots, and whistle stops to which they sped. Times changed, and the railroad was passed by; however, its legacy lives on.

The Boston & Maine Railroad serviced most of New England as a primary mode of transportation during the 19th and 20th centuries. The birth of this railroad spurred the growth and development of industry in New England. This heritage is captured in Boston & Maine Trains and Services, the fourth volume in Arcadia's Images of Rail series to focus on the history of this railroad. The trains and services included in this book are the Pullman passenger cars, work trains with flatcars, boxcars, circus trains, plows, stock, cabooses, as well as the Boston & Maine bus service, trucks, and air service.

A collection of photographs taken by Marium Foster, longtime employee of the Boston and Maine Railroad provide rich illustration for the history of the Boston and Maine Railroad in New

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England.

On June 27, 1835, New Hampshire chartered the Boston & Maine Railroad, and a juggernaut was born. By 1900, the B&M operated some 2,300 miles of track in northern New England, having taken over an astonishing forty-seven different railroads since its inception. The B&M loomed particularly large in the Granite State, where it controlled 96 percent of all tracks and was the primary conveyance through the rugged heart of New England's most formidable mountain range. From the gravity-defying Mount Washington Cog Railway to logging transport trains to the famous Depression-era Snow Train, *A History of the Boston & Maine Railroad* traces the fascinating history of New England's most renowned railway.

In the winter of 1991 the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society acquired a rare collection of forty-three diaries kept by Philip T. Adams, an engineman on the Essex branch of the Eastern Railroad, later to become the Boston & Maine Railroad. These diaries open windows into history, recording the intimacies of the day-to-day operation of the railroad, glimpses of life in the town of Essex, and a personal look into the life and affairs of Philip Adams and his family.

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