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### AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A1363 [Demonstration, Trial and Experimental Buses](#)

£15.99 December



When bus and coach manufacturers or bodybuilders brought out a new design, they would usually provide a demonstration vehicle for would-be purchasers to try out before buying. These vehicles would later be sold off after a few years and were sometimes snapped up by small companies that might not have been able to afford the cost of a new vehicle. Some of the larger companies would buy a small selection of vehicles by different makers to compare in service before deciding on which type to standardise on for mass purchase. Other innovative companies might rebuild existing vehicles in their own workshops to improve their performance or extend their life, or to try out new ideas. This book looks at a variety of demonstration vehicles, on display, in use, and after being sold off; as well as vehicles that were bought experimentally or modified extensively during their service life.

A9485 [Hong Kong Buses and Trams 1976–1997- The Final British Years](#)

£15.99 November



Hong Kong has long been a place of great interest to transport enthusiasts. Its mixture of predominantly British-built buses operating in a bustling oriental setting holds fascination while Hong Kong Tramways' 1920s-style tramcars evoke past times in an ultra-modern setting. Changes to Hong Kong's bus and tram scene during the final 21 years of British rule are recounted and illustrated in this book. Included are the decline of the China Motor Bus Company's operations and the emergence of Citybus Ltd. Vehicles of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, which claimed to be the world's largest privately-owned bus company operating in a single city, are depicted at various locations including the New Territories. Bus and light rail transit operations of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation are illustrated as are buses of Argos Bus Services, the Motor Transport Company of Guangdong and Hong Kong, the New Lantao Bus Company, Public Light Buses, Stagecoach (Hong Kong) Ltd and operations of the Peak Tramways Company.

A0648 [London's Low-Floor Buses in Exile](#)

£15.99 October



Since the mid-1940s, London began to resell its buses after they were no longer suitable for service in the capital. Bus and coach operators both big and small would snap up these buses and use them for further service. Perhaps the most noticeable cascade of former London Buses was of the AEC Routemaster during the 1980s, which were bought en-mass by provincial operators around the country. The continual investment of new buses in London in the early 2000s saw the displacement of many of the early low-floor buses to provincial operators. Changes to emission standards led to the withdrawal of further low-floor buses from the capital, benefiting the independent operators around the country. London Low-Floor Buses in Exile highlights the numerous liveries and operators of former London low-floor buses around the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland between 2000 and 2021.

A1317 [London's Scania Buses](#)

£15.99 November



Over the years Scania has provided various models for operation in London, first arriving in 1989. A larger batch of Scania N113CRBs were purchased by London Buses Limited in the early 1990s, bodied by Alexander and Northern Counties. These passed to privatised operators in 1994. Scania re-entered the London market in 2002 when Metrobus took stock of a fleet of single-deckers. The Scania N94UD and Scania OmniCity double-deck models became popular with a number of operators between 2006 and 2012. Although not purchased in the same numbers as its rivals, the London Scania's provided Londoners with a reliable service for many years. The introduction of new rolling stock, along with standardisation, spelt the end of the type in London service. This book provides a potted history of the various Scania models during their service in the capital.

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### A1620 [Lothian Buses in Historic Edinburgh](#)

£15.99 November



*Edinburgh is reputed to have more buildings designated as of 'special architectural or historic interest' than any other city in the world. These range from rows of Georgian terraced houses and individual Victorian tenement blocks to such diverse structures as the diminutive Greyfriars Bobby sculpture and the Forth Rail Bridge. Many of the buildings were constructed from sandstone, from a proliferation of local quarries and which could be found in a variety of different colours. The city's local transport system has a similarly rich history, and this book looks to celebrate these two popular elements in the city's contemporary setting. Featuring unique and previously unpublished images of Lothian Transport buses sharing the scene with some of these historic buildings, this book will delight anybody who shares a fondness for Auld Reekie.*

### A1610 [Midlands Half-Cab Buses- The Twilight Years](#)

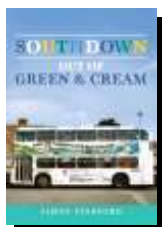
£15.99 November



*A visitor to one of the principal cities of the East or West Midlands during the 1970s would not have failed to notice that all the incumbent local bus operators were still running buses which still resembled types which could be seen throughout Britain between the two World Wars – that is double-decker buses with the driver seated in his own cab area with an open space over the adjacent engine shroud. Whilst the vast majority of these also had an open entrance at the rear, there were some types which the passengers could board or alight through a doored-entrance at the front. With a wonderful selection of photographs that will delight enthusiasts of all ages, Mike Rhodes looks back on the twilight years of half-cab buses in the Midlands.*

### A9607 [Southdown Out of Green & Cream](#)

£15.99 November



*Southdown Motor Services, the well-known and respected bus and coach operator based on the south coast, ran buses and coaches in a delightful green and cream livery that is still fondly remembered today. Here, Simon Stanford looks at Southdown from the sixties up to their purchase by Stagecoach in 1989, with a variety of different brandings on show, exhibiting a variety of rare looks for the company's fleet. With a wealth of previously unpublished images, Stanford's collection of images is both nostalgic and enlightening and will appeal to any fan of Southdown buses or the history of independent British buses.*

## BRITISH BUS PUBLISHING

### BB366 [British Bus Handbook Smaller Groups 9th Edition 2023](#)

£21.25 November



*Published in November 2023. This ninth edition of our Smaller Groups book is part of a series that details the fleets of certain bus and express coach operators throughout Britain. The operators included here are more of those who provide tendered and commercial services. They are the groups which have not featured in their own dedicated volume. Operators include: Centrebus (D&G and High Peak Buses); ComfortDelGro (Metroliner, NAT, West Bus); HCT Group (CT Plus, HCT Yorkshire); Lothian Buses group; McGill's operations including xPlore Dundee; RATP (London United, OLST, Bath Bus Company); Rotala (Diamond, Hallmark Coaches, Preston Bus); Transdev (Burnley & Pendle, Harrogate & District, Keighley & District, Lancashire United, Rosso, Yorkshire Coastliner); Wellglade (Kinchbus, Midland General, Notts & Derby, TM Buses, Trent-Barton) and West Coast Motors (West Coast Motors, Glasgow Citybus, Border Buses).*

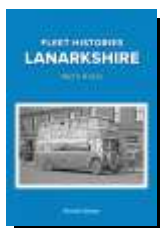
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### BCR00 [Fleet Histories Lanarkshire Part 1: A to L](#)

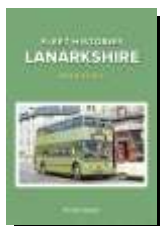
£18.00 October



Lanarkshire, the most populous of Scotland's historic counties, at one time had a vast number of bus owners, many with only one bus. In the 1920s these one-man bands vied for business between each other and with the trams, and accidents and minor brushes with the law were not unknown. In this fascinating study of a bygone age by transport historian Richard Gadsby, the stories behind these days are told in detail, including reference to the Lanarkshire A1 Association, an attempt by small operators to fight the "big boys", but without the success found in neighbouring Ayrshire. Produced to the recognised fleet history format, the stories cover known operators up to 1940 from Agnew to Little, and subsequent details for those operators still trading then, iconic names such as Baxter of Airdrie, Cotter of Glasgow and Hutchison of Overtown. Details of over 160 operators, large and small, are recorded. Published in two volumes, the books are illustrated with wonderful pictures of the area.

### BCR01 [Fleet Histories Lanarkshire Part 2: Lo to Y](#)

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## CAPITAL TRANSPORT PUBLISHING

### CA483 [London's Post-War Smaller Classes](#)

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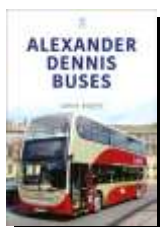


In this book, the last of his class histories of London buses which began to appear in 1979 with the RT, Ken Blacker covers the smaller classes which entered service between 1946 and 1965. The book maintains the same high standard the author has brought to the series for over 40 years. His readable and authoritative text is coupled with over 200 photos.

## KEY PUBLISHING

### K2576 [Alexander Dennis Buses](#)

£16.99 October



Dennis and Alexander both grew separately. Dennis was very much a specialist chassis builder with a list of regular customers, while Alexander's roots were in building bodies for a group of Scottish bus companies. Alexander broadened its customer base from the 1950s and was soon supplying bodies for bus operators throughout the UK and in several export markets. Dennis expanded dramatically in the 1980s with its best-selling Dart model. Since the two companies came together as Alexander Dennis Ltd in 2004, it has concentrated on designing and building a range of best-selling bus models. The coachbuilder Plaxton, established in 1907, joined Alexander Dennis in 2007, mainly producing coaches, but doubling up with Falkirk to produce the bus range. Alexander Dennis is one of the very few manufacturers building buses in the United Kingdom. With over 180 images, this book provides the history of the company and its subsequent emergence as a clear market leader.

## PEN & SWORD

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P9522 [The London Enviro 200](#)

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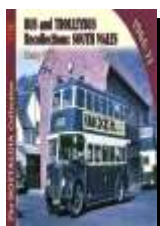


Launched by Transbus in 2004, the original Enviro 200 mode was not a success. The Enviro 200 was relaunched in 2006, this new model becoming more successful. The new model was taken into stock by many London operators, replacing older single-deckers in their fleets. The Enviro 200 had just as much success as its predecessor, the Dennis Dart SLF. As with the Dart SLF, the Enviro 200 was available in several lengths. 2014 saw the launch of the Enviro 200 MMC (major model change), this replacing the original 'classic' Enviro 200 in 2018. The first all-electric Enviro 200 MMCs arrived in London in 2016, this becoming the standard model for new contracts. The London Enviro 200 looks at the history of the Enviro 200 and Enviro 200 MMC model in London service.

## SILVER LINK

S4619 [Bus & Trolleybus Recollections 131 South Wales](#)

£10.99 November

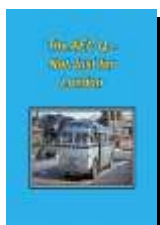


This nostalgic look back at the buses which served Cardiff, Swansea and the surrounding region during the late 1960s and early 1970s features a previously unpublished collection of more than 80 colour photographs. A wide range of fascinating vehicles is depicted – from six-wheel double-deckers to flat tops designed to pass beneath extremely low bridges – in gloriously period livery and bedecked with period advertising. For those old enough to remember those tumultuous days, the book provides reminders of school journeys, bus-spotting, depot visiting and interesting locations as they appeared more than 50 years ago.

## VENTURE PUBLICATIONS

VP498 [AEC Q - Not Just For London](#)

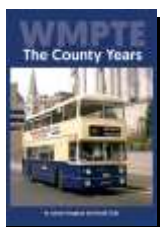
£45.00 November



Chris Lewis explores the development and operation of the revolutionary AEC Q across the entire range of operators who employed it. Obviously, many appeared in service with LT but they were also in service in the UK with operators large and small, in single and double-deck form. Some examples even made it as far as New Zealand. In addition to the detailed story the book is packed with photos and tables. Hardback c260 pages.

VP499 [WMPTE The County Years](#)

£23.00 November



Metropolitan counties, a product of 1970s local government re-organisation, took responsibility for public transport in their area including direct bus operations through PTEs. In the West Midlands, the County Council was active from 1974 to 1986 and this new full colour book illustrates the consolidation and standardisation of its WMPTE bus fleet during that period. The 194 mostly previously unpublished images also take in a brief look at WMPTE's fleet development from its inception in 1969 through to 1974 and its preparation for deregulation later in 1986.

## NON TRANSPORT

### AUTO REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

MH195 [The Roadmakers and Other Construction Equipment](#)

£5.95 November

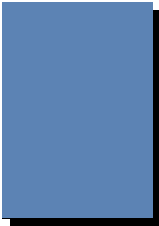


*The history of our roads is told in this Auto Review publication, as they improved from muddy tracks and dusty lanes to a system of fast metalled roads. We go on to tell the story of the roadmaking process, to cover most of the many different machines involved, excavators, bulldozers, loaders, backhoes, scrapers, graders, dump trucks (large and small), concrete mixers, pavers, finishers, tar-sprayers, steam and diesel rollers etc. Along the way, earthmoving and construction equipment used for other purposes is also mentioned. A large section of this publication is devoted to manufacturers of steam rollers and motor rollers, but on other pages you will see other famous names, from Caterpillar and Euclid to Komatsu and JCB, as well as smaller companies. Thousands of companies worldwide have been involved with making machinery for this sector, so we can only mention some of the more interesting British firms in this publication, along with a few leading overseas brands.*

### FONTHILL MEDIA

F5896 [Aircraft Modelling: Conversions, Scratchbuilding and Superdetailing](#)

£20.00 October



*This book will analyse the assembled work of a diverse group of master plastic aeroplane modellers. Included in this reference will be sections on conversions and modifications of kits, how to super-detail kits, how to model vacuform parts and kits, and even how to scratch-build entire models. Instead of having to learn all these techniques on your own through trial and error, the average modeller will be able to draw upon the experience and expertise of these master modellers. This book will contain easy to understand instructions and photographs to illustrate the techniques described. Even if you are not able to master all the techniques illustrated, your modelling skills will still be improved.*

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## TRAMS & LIGHT RAIL

### SILVER LINK

S4596 [The Tramways of Aberdeen 1956](#)

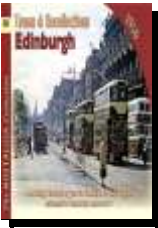
£27.00 October



*In the year 1956 the Aberdeen tramway system was down to two routes, the Bridges route between Dee and Don and Beach/Castle Street to Woodend/Hazlehead. On 10th and 11th July, David and John Clarke visited Aberdeen and the collection of rare, evocative and unpublished views that follows are a record of their visit. Also, in this volume there are a number of unpublished views from the collection of Mike Stephen, and from the inspector records from 1956 an insight to the operations of trams in Aberdeen.*

S4582 [Trams & Recollections 124 Edinburgh 1956](#)

£11.99 November



*The final year of tramway operation in Edinburgh had arrived, 1956, but there were still a considerable number of routes and trams still operating at the start of the year. Trams still worked routes 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 28. On March 11 route 7 was replaced by buses and route 17 was withdrawn without bus replacement. Leith tram depot closed on 5 May and tram routes 6 and 19 ceased on 27 May. On June 16 routes 13 and 14 were withdrawn. Sadly, the last trams for a long time ran in Edinburgh on 16 November.*

### UNIQUE PUBLISHING SERVICES LTD

UQE13 [The London 'E/3's-London's Lost Classic Tram](#)

£11.99 October



*Whilst the fate of the London tramway networks was probably sealed because of the creation of the London Passenger Transport Board in 1933 and the new board's decision to favour investment in a trolleybus network, prior to that date the London County Council had been keen on the development of its tramway system. In its later days, the LCC opened a number of extensions and acquired a substantial number of new tramcars. Although prototype car No 1 was, sadly, destined to be a one-off, a total of 150 new bogie cars – designated Class E/3 – were acquired in the early 1930s. Of these, 50 – Nos 161- 210 – were allocated to the LCC operated services on behalf of Leyton Corporation, whilst the remaining 100 – Nos 1904-2003 – were based on the LCC network. Following the LPTB's decision to replace trams by trolleybuses, the Leyton-based trams were transferred south of the river in the 1930s. This book provides a largely pictorial history of the 'E/3' in operation between 1930 and 1952.*

## RAILWAYS

### AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A2101 [A World History of Rail from the Steam Regime to Today](#) £22.99 December



*There were 20,000 miles of railways in 1865 and about a million by 2020. Scale has always been a key theme in railway history. In WWI, the London and North West Railway transported 325,000 miles of barbed wire and over twelve million pairs of army boots. At the end of the 20th century, Indian Railways sold 4.5 billion tickets annually. With his renowned ability to take the long view of any subject and bring it into sharp focus for the reader, Jeremy Black examines how rail transformed the world. While always shaped by commercial interests, the role of the railway was (and is) strategic in the broadest sense: like Roman roads and Chinese canals, it helped develop the economic links that sustained and strengthened the major powers. Is it possible to overestimate the impact of the railway in history? Jeremy Black analyses that impact from the beginning to today.*

A0846 [Britain's Railways from the Air](#) £17.99 November



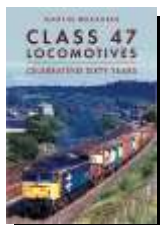
*Rob Higgins shows how taking the aerial route gives unique insights into the history and workings of Britain's railways. The marvels of Victorian engineering in their construction, their relationships to the canals they replaced as the main arteries of transport, the communities and industry they spawned along their length can all be seen in detail. This book flies from the Scottish Highlands to Cornwall; from marshalling yards in the centre of the UK to lines hugging cliffs and beaches. All the viaducts on the 'top' section of the Settle & Carlisle line are featured, together with many other viaducts and bridges, including the swing bridges in the Norfolk Broads. Lineside industries are seen, from a huge malting complex in East Anglia to our fast-disappearing coal-powered power stations.*

A0560 [Class 08 Locomotives in Scotland](#) £15.99 October



*The Class 08s, the most common type of British Rail shunter, could be found at almost every area of the UK and Scotland from the mid-1950s. These shunters conducted all the shunting and movements around stations and yards all over Scotland, with most depots around Scotland carrying an allocation. A number have survived into preservation, but at one time more than 200 could be found all over Scotland. This book covers 08s from the BR era through privatisation and beyond and features a range of distinct locations around Scotland. With a wealth of previously unpublished images, this book will delight Scottish rail enthusiasts both young and old.*

A1793 [Class 47- Celebrating Sixty Years](#) £15.99 November



*Brush Type 4 Class 47 locomotives have seen more than sixty years of service on Britain's railways, celebrating their diamond jubilee on 25 September 2022. This book draws together previously unseen photographs by the author and others who have spent decades photographing, traveling behind and preserving these locomotives. Looking at the early years of the fleet of 512 locomotives as they settled into hauling passenger and freight, as well as the halcyon years of the 1980s and 1990s and more recent times, Martin Measures shares the importance of these locomotives to the railways and their many enthusiasts. Lavishly illustrated throughout, this fitting tribute to the Brush Type 4s commemorates their long and successful service.*

## AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

### A0854 [Dorset Railways Through Time](#)

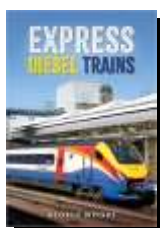
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*Dorset has always been an important railway county catering for holidaymakers heading to the resorts of Bournemouth, Swanage and Weymouth. As part of the mid-nineteenth century desire for railways to reach many parts of the country, a line from Southampton reached the county town of Dorchester in 1847. This was to become part of the London & South Western Railway. The Great Western Railway arrived in the county in 1857 with a line from Yeovil to Weymouth built to Brunel's Broad-Gauge standard. Another name associated with the county was the Somerset & Dorset Railway, which opened between Bath and Poole in 1870. Development of the various lines are covered – their heyday was the 1950s when they were used by holidaymakers heading for the sunny South Coast. Then came the Beeching closures, but also the electrification of the main line to Weymouth. The various routes within the county are covered by a wide selection of photographs, many of which have not been published before.*

### A1564 [Express Diesel Trains](#)

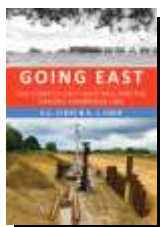
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*In 1968 British Rail introduced a prototype train that would revolutionize rail travel, and form the backbone not only of BR services, but those of the companies that took over after the privatisation of the railways in 1994. This of course was the High-Speed Train, which introduced 125 mph speeds to the UK and cut journey times as never before. Other fast diesels such as the Class 220 and Class 180 followed, but none have had the impact or long-term success of the 125. The latest Azuma trains, at the current forefront of high-speed travel, are also featured.*

### A1273 [Going East- The Story of East- West Rail and the Oxford- Cambridge Line](#)

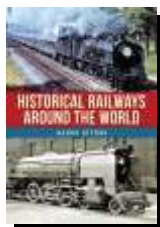
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*The railway route between Oxford and Cambridge – nicknamed the Varsity Line – was opened in stages in the 19th century. Running roughly east to west, it crossed several major trunk routes linking London with the North and Midlands and became part of the LMS in 1923 Railway Grouping. Its strategic value was recognised during the Second World War as it allowed freight traffic to avoid London and several new connections to the line were built. Despite post-war plans to develop the line further, parts of the line were closed by BR in the 1960s. Since then, rising demand on the railways in general and recognition of the value of this through route have resulted in sections being reopened and a new company, East West Rail, has been founded to re-establish the entire line by 2030. This book surveys the history of this route and its operations and looks at the campaign and plans to open it again, analysing both the benefits and downsides of such a large rail project today.*

### A0832 [Historical Railways Around the World](#)

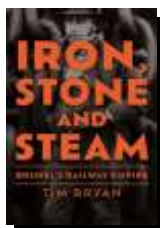
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*Historical Railways around the World is a carefully curated selection of vintage railway photos from all around the world. It was composed in the spirit of the time-honoured phrase that a picture is worth a thousand words and transports the reader back to the golden age of steam locomotives in a stunning array of exotic and obscure locales. Using these stunning photographs, Alon Siton revisits a period in history where the railways stood at the centre of global events and celebrates the power and variety of the world's locomotives.*

### A1269 [Iron, Stone and Steam- Brunel's Railway Empire](#)

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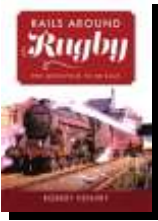
*Tim Bryan chronicles how, in almost 30 tumultuous years, Brunel created a rail network covering much of the South and West of England, the Midlands and Wales. The network included masterpieces like Paddington Station and the Royal Albert Bridge and still carries millions of travellers today. The book also describes how Brunel's successes were matched by monumental failures, the ill-fated atmospheric system used on the South Devon Railway, and the far-reaching implications of the broad gauge for his railways, which ultimately cost millions of pounds when abolished. Iron, Stone and Steam is also the story of the great engineer's complex character and the roles of the people who helped the creative, and sometimes dictatorial, genius create his railway. These range from the navvies who built his bridges, tunnels and lines, to contemporaries like Daniel Gooch, without whom his vision would never have been fully realised. Above all, this is the story of Brunel's vision to create a railway empire like no other.*



## AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A1385 [Rails Around Rugby: Pre-Grouping to BR Blue](#)

£15.99 December



*Railways Around Rugby: Pre-Grouping to Rail Blue tells the story of the changes to be seen on the railway network in the Rugby area from before the Grouping of the Railways in 1923 to the BR Rail Blue era of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. At the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries, The London & North Western Railway, The Great Central Railway and the Midland Railway all operated in and around Rugby. Rugby was served by two stations, Rugby and Rugby Central, the latter now closed since 1969, and was an important railway junction on what became the West Coast Main Line, with routes to Birmingham and the North West and Scotland in one direction and to London, Euston and Northampton in the other direction. The Great Central route from Sheffield and the East Midlands ran to London at Marylebone. By the 1960s, the West Coast Main Line was electrified around Rugby and that same decade the Great Central closed, as well as the lines to Leamington, Leicester and Peterborough and the engine sheds at Rugby.*

A1535 [Railways of the Eastern Counties Since 1970](#)

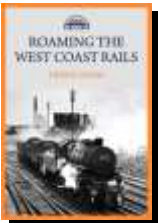
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*Over more than fifty years, the railways of the Eastern Counties have seen a vast number of changes. In the early 1970s, many stations, even some of the smaller ones, had a resident diesel shunter for moving empty carriages or servicing the goods yard. First generation diesel multiple units ran most of the secondary lines, with locomotive-hauled expresses being used on the InterCity routes and the Harwich boat trains. Today, modern electric trains speed northwards to Norwich and Kings Lynn, while comfortable diesel units serve the cross-country routes. New electric or bi-mode sets are now operating on other lines. Semaphore signalling has mostly given way to centralised colour light systems.*

A9996 [Roaming the West Coast Rails](#)

£15.99 December



*The route from Euston to Carlisle has always been the 'Premier Line' and, in Roaming the West Coast Rails, Derek Cross has captured its atmosphere and beauty during the transition from steam to the diesel and electric era. Dealing briefly with the construction of the lines, the reader gains insight into the work of the engineers who built them: Joseph Locke who followed the natural contours of the countryside in long, sweeping curves, and the Stephenson who cut straight through them, straighter than Roman roads. An expert photographer can capture the beauty of both landscape and locomotives: Derek Cross is one of these and the 200 images contained in this book will bring back to life the memories of a 'Duchess' storming Shap summit and show the younger enthusiast what working steam was really like.*

## GREY

CR298 [British Railways Diesel and Electric Locomotives](#)

£35.00 November

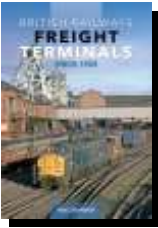


*In this book, Longworth covers in detail all the classes of diesel and electric locomotives that were introduced by BR from the modernisation plan of 1955 to the present day. Each class, which operated over this lengthy period, is covered inside. The headlong rush to eliminate steam traction and modernise the railways from the 1950s onwards produced very mixed results. Some of the locomotives introduced were highly successful and long lived with examples still in service well into the 21st century whilst others were found seriously wanting and withdrawn completely after only a few years in service. For each class, a concise history is provided giving construction details and full technical specifications. For every individual locomotive, a full listing is provided including all numbers applied throughout its career, names where they were allocated, details of entry into service, full allocation details over their operational life as well as withdrawal and scrapping dates.*

## CRECY

### CR292 [British Railways Freight Terminals Since 1960](#)

£25.00 October



*This book illustrates and describes the huge transition that has taken place across the British railway network over the last 60 years in relation to the handling of goods traffic. It provides views of long-forgotten operations forming a stark contrast with the streamlined facilities of today. The book also looks at the range of traction and rolling-stock which was used to manage the nation's railway freight traffic over the decades ranging from steam-hauled pick-up goods trains to today's uniform loads of 2,000 tonnes and more.*

### CR296 [Railways Remembered: Images from the Derek Cross Collection](#)

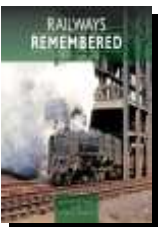
£22.50 October



*One of the foremost names in railway photography in the second half of the 20th century was that of the late Derek Cross. He was an acknowledged master of his art and whether working in colour or black and white, through his technical ability and his acute eye for composition, he was always able to convey the splendour of the railway in the landscape. Drawing upon his extensive collection of colour images taken from the late 1950s through to the early 1980s, this new collection of the photos of Derek Cross focuses on those years which saw the elimination the steam locomotive and its replacement by the first generation diesel and electric traction, a period which is of so much interest for many railway enthusiasts. The book will include more than 200 colour photos and has been compiled by Derek Cross' son David who has also written the captions drawing from his father's notes. This new album is a visual delight and a fitting tribute to one of the great railway photographers of his era.*

### CR275 [Railways Remembered: North East England](#)

£22.50 October



*This colour album explores the railways of the north east from the 1950s through to the 1970s using hitherto unpublished images from the files of the Online Transport Archive. These cover steam, diesel and electric traction and whilst focusing on the main line railways, the area's heavy concentration of industrial lines is also featured in this wonderful nostalgic reflection of the fascinating railway network of this part of the country.*

### CR282 [Railways Remembered: The Western Region 1962-1972 The Blake Paterson Collection](#)

£22.50 November



*Blake Paterson was both a career railwayman and a railway enthusiast who worked for the Western Region, based at Paddington and Reading. He was also a passionate and very accomplished photographer. Aware of the profound changes to the railway network which were underway, even before the publication of Dr Beeching's notorious report, he resolved to record as much of the changing railway scene, as was possible. He sought innovative angles and unlike many railway photographers of the era, he made a particular point of including people, particularly railway employees, in his photographs. It is believed that none of the images in this volume have been previously published. This book has been compiled by two lifelong railway enthusiasts who have written many transport books, Kevin McCormack and Martin Jenkins.*

### CR281 [Southern Way Issue 63](#)

£14.95 November



*Since its first issue published in 2007, The Southern Way has become the acknowledged definitive journal on the history and heritage of the Southern Railway and the Southern Region of British Railways. The quarterly periodical has now reached issue number 61, and it continues to be the 'go-to- reference for all those interested in the UK's Southern Railways. Each issue contains a variety of articles and photo features, each offering an in-depth exploration of an historical aspect of the railways, rolling stock, infrastructure, incidents, events and people associated with 'The Southern Way'. Illustrated throughout its 96 pages, including rare and previously unseen colour images, The Southern Way continues to be the ultimate reference source for railway modellers, historians and enthusiasts.*

## FIREFLY BOOKS LTD

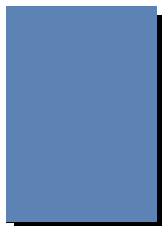
FF004 [Locomotives: The Modern Diesel and Electric Reference](#) £30.00 October



*This revised and expanded edition includes data on all the new locomotive models built from 2007 to January 2023, including the latest Tier 4 freight locomotives and electric and diesel-electric passenger locomotives from Siemens. This latest edition also includes production model upgrades and DC to AC modernizations by the major locomotive builders. Containing 32 new pages, and over 300 photographs of more than 120 models, this remarkable large-format reference covers every major North American locomotive manufacturer as well as North American passenger locomotives imported from Europe. Greg McDonnell provides concise yet comprehensive information on each model, along with easy-to-read tables of production totals, build dates and mechanical specifications.*

## FONTHILL MEDIA

F5909 [Merseyrail Electric : The Award-Winning Network](#) £20.00 November



*The self-contained, fully electrified Merseyrail system is an iconic part of the UK's railway network. With 75 route miles of track, sixty-nine stations, and over 800 services, it is the third largest rail system outside London and the South East, transporting around 100,000 passengers safely, efficiently, and to the highest environmental standards on any typical working day. Radiating from the city of Liverpool, it serves the Wirral and parts of Cheshire and West Lancashire, where it has gained numerous awards for reliability, punctuality, and passenger satisfaction. And the future of Merseyrail looks bright: state-of-the-art Class 777 electric multiple units are entering service and extensions of the network are being planned. 'Merseyrail Electric: The Award-Winning Network' is the definitive book on this magnificent network, examining with an expert's eye its development, its rolling stock, and its exciting future.*

F5911 [The Railways of Northern England in the 1960s](#) £20.00 October



*This book covers the area from Crewe and Doncaster up to the Scottish border. Specific locations include Birkenhead, Liverpool (Edge Hill), Warrington, Northwich, Manchester (Gorton), Preston, Southport, Morecambe, Isle of Man, Oxenholme, Shap, Whitehaven, Workington, and Carlisle. The Stainmore route over the Pennines is visited with photographs at Barnard Castle, Barras, Belah and Deepdale Viaducts, Bowes, Kirkby Stephen, and Penrith. The Sheffield tram system is seen in 1960, then Wakefield and Leeds, before time is spent at York. We continue via Market Weighton, Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Malton, Kirbymoorside, Tadcaster, Alne, Thirsk, Melmerby, and Northallerton. An early morning visit is made to the Catterick Military Railway, then Darlington, Sunderland, Tyne Dock, Gateshead, and Newcastle to conclude at Tweedmouth and Coldstream. Industrial sites are also visited and include Bickershaw, Corkickle Brake, South Kirkby, Peckfield, Seaham, Doxfords, the Bowes Railway, and the Harton Railway.*

## FRANCES LINCOLN PUBLISHERS

FLP05 [London's Underground, Revised edition : The Story of the Tube](#) £35.00 October



*It is impossible to imagine London without the Tube. The distinctive roundel, colour-coded maps and Johnston typeface have become design classics. Opening in 1863, the first sections were operated by steam engines, yet throughout its history the Tube has been at the forefront of contemporary design, pioneering building techniques, electrical trains and escalators, and business planning. Architects such as Leslie Green and Charles Holden developed a distinctively English version of Modernism, and the latest stations for the Jubilee line extension, Overground and Elizabeth line carry this aesthetic forward into the 21st century. In this work published in association with TfL and now updated, Oliver Green traces the history of the Underground, following its troubles and triumphs and the essential part it has played in shaping London's economy, geography, tourism and identity. Photography by Benjamin Graham brings the story to life in vivid portraits of London Underground's stations, tunnels and trains.*

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### GR348 [Lost Lines of England- Birmingham to Worcester](#)

£8.99 October



*In words and pictures, this book describes the Birmingham to Worcester line's development, and the services it supported before the modern railway took shape.*

### GR342 [Lost Lines of England- Buxton to Matlock](#)

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*Explore the Buxton to Matlock line station-by-station as the history, heritage and social background of the railway and its passengers is brought to life using archive photography, some of it never published.*

## GREAT NORTHERN BOOKS

### GN755 [The Glorious Years of the LMS London, Midland and Scottish Railway](#)

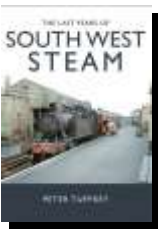
£27.50 October



*This book examines the company over the period 1923-1947 using over 250 high-quality black-and-white images. These are split into several sections: locomotives; carriages; war work; road vehicles; stations. The LMSR's territory spread across much of England, Scotland and into Wales and the photographs have been taken at a number of locations. These include stations, lineside, sheds and workshops. Several companies constituted the LMSR, including the London & North Western Railway, Midland Railway, Caledonian Railway, Glasgow & South Western Railway, etc. Locomotives from these are included in the collection, alongside those of Sir Henry Fowler and Sir William Stanier.*

### GN754 [The Last Years of South West Steam](#)

£22.50 October



*Last Years of South West Steam looks at the region in the 1950s and 1960s as steam traction ended. This is done using 230 evocative colour and black-and-white images. A number of important routes pass through the area, including the Great Western Main Line from Paddington to Penzance and the South Western Main Line between Waterloo and Weymouth. Several local lines and branches also connected places in the South West. Many of the classes that worked in the region are present. These were mainly ex-Great Western Railway designs, such as Collett's Castle, Hall, Grange and Manor Class 4-6-0s or the numerous 5700 and 8750 Class 0-6-0PTs, 5101 and 6100 2-6-2Ts, whilst Churchward's 2800 Class 2-8-0s and 4300 2-6-0s were still employed. Some ex-Southern Railway classes feature, such as the West Country Pacifics, Maunsell's N Class 2-6-0, Drummond T9 Class 4-4-0, Adams 415 Class 4-4-2T, Drummond M7 Class 0-4-4T, etc.*

## HARPER COLLINS

### HC279 [Britain's Steam Locomotives: 100 of the Best, from Penydarren to Tornado](#)

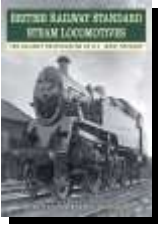
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*It is more than 200 years since the world's first steam railway locomotive hauled its initial load of iron ore and passengers on a short, slow journey. From that time onwards, the evolution of the steam locomotive continued unabated through the 19th century and on into the 20th. Steam haulage on Britain's nationalised railways ended in 1968, yet the British public's love affair with these magnificent machines endures. In this volume you will find features on 100 of the most impressive British steam locomotives, stories of the fascinating engineers who designed them, and beautiful imagery from the country's leading railway photographers. Written by best-selling railway author Julian Holland, Britain's Steam Locomotives is the perfect addition to any railway enthusiast's collection.*

## HISTORY PRESS

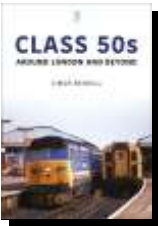
H9363 [British Railway Standard Steam Locomotives- The Railway Photographs of RJ \(Ron\) Buckley](#) £20.00 November



*With the formation of British Railways on 1 January 1948, the British Transport Commission took over. As the member for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering in the Railways Executive, Robert Riddles gathered a group of staff to plan, design and construct a group of 12 locomotive types to be 'Standard' classes. These became the new workhorses of British Railways, replacing many older classes whilst at the same time working alongside those classes from the 'Big Four' that had already proved themselves reliable. Designed to allow easy access for both daily maintenance and daily running needs, they were all equipped with Belpaire fireboxes, rocking grates, self-emptying ash pans and self-cleaning smoke boxes. A total of 999 were constructed over 10 years from 1951-1960, ranging from a Class 7 4-6-2, Britannia, to a Class 9 2-10-0 heavy goods locomotive, the last of which entered service in March 1960, given the name Evening Star.*

## KEY PUBLISHING

K2590 [Class 50s- Around London and Beyond](#) £16.99 October



*The 1980s saw the English Electric Class 50s become synonymous with operations out of two London terminus stations, Paddington and Waterloo. The famous Brunel terminus saw commuter services along the Thames Valley corridor to Oxford and Newbury as well as InterCity trains to Bristol and the West Country. Meanwhile, Waterloo was the origin of services over the former South Western route to Salisbury and Exeter. This book takes a pictorial look at the operation of the mighty Hoovers' on both routes with a particular focus on the London end during the type's final years with Network SouthEast. Some time is also spent at Old Oak Common depot, where many of the class were based for maintenance for many years and some ultimately met their end. Over 170, colour illustrations.*

K2349 [East Coast Main Line Locomotive Haulage](#) £15.99 December



*This book is a companion to the work West Coast Main Line Locomotive Haulage and gives a flavour of the many varieties of locomotives and other rolling stock that have operated over the East Coast Main Line, including details of its creation and operation. Utilizing over 20 maps and drawings, useful information on line speeds and gradients is also provided. It explores the usage of both diesels and electric locos on this line and ends with a reflection on what the future may hold for this invaluable route. With over 150 images, this volume is an all-encompassing look at locomotive haulage on the ECML.*

K2333 [Modern Railways Review 2023](#) £25.00 December



*Modern Railways Review 2023 captures a snapshot of the industry, with detailed coverage of policy, finance, rolling stock, infrastructure and signalling. The expert editorial team assesses the prospects for the forthcoming year on the railway, describing its key challenges and opportunities.*

K2812 [Rolling Stock Review 2023-2024](#) £10.99 October



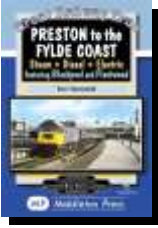
*The Rolling Stock Review provides full technical and illustrative material of every class of locomotive, multiple unit train and passenger coach to be found in the UK. Full tabular data of all classes is given, updated for the 2023-2024 edition until July 2023 with more than 1,900 changes. All new and proposed classes are included with full details of equipment, fixtures, and fittings. New for the 2023-2024 edition are preserved locomotives and multiple unit trains, which are authorised for use on the National. The title includes full details of train equipment, fixtures, and fittings. For many classes, interior and driving cabs are fully illustrated.*

## MIDDLETON PRESS

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M5681 [Preston to the Fylde Coast Including Blackpool and Fleetwood](#)

£19.95 November



*The railways laid across the Fylde from the mid-19th century played a significant role in the development of the peninsula, particularly the coastal towns, which to this day continue to attract tourists from far and wide. This volume highlights the radical changes to the railway system since the early 1960s: steam, diesel and electric traction all feature. The album also details some of the early preservation schemes.*

## PEN & SWORD

P8990 [Branch Line Britain](#)

£30.00 October



*This book examines the network of British branch lines and other routes that survived the mass closures of the 1960s. While nearly 4,000 route miles were lost between 1963 and 1970, the cuts were less severe than they might have been. Some lines were reprieved because of their social importance, even though they would never pay their way in purely commercial terms. They included some lengthy rural routes, such as those serving the Far North of Scotland, Central Wales and the Cumbrian Coast, as well as some urban backwaters such as Romford to Upminster and the St Albans Abbey branch. As the 1970s progressed, closures became scarce, but cost-cutting measures included the singling of some lines as well as scaled-down stations and simplified signalling. Yet even today, some pockets of traditional operation survive. This book also celebrates several reopened and new lines, ranging from the major Borders Railway project in Scotland to the Stansted Airport and Barking Riverside branches in South East England.*

P0324 [Britain's Railways in the Second World War](#)

£14.99 November



*The outbreak of the Second World War had an enormous effect on the railway system in Britain. Keeping the trains running through times of conflict was not such a distant memory for the railway companies and their workers but in this second major war of the 20th century, the task was to prove a vastly different one. The railway system no longer consisted of the hundreds of companies of the past, but the 'Big Four' still needed to learn how to work together and forget their differences for the war effort. The logistics of the mass evacuation of children, transporting thousands of troops during the evacuation of Dunkirk and the preparations for D-Day, for instance, were unprecedented. At the same time, they had to cope with the new and constant threat of aerial bombing that military advances brought to WWII. This book is an account of the vital role that the railways played in the defence of the country as well as in their support of the Allied forces in theatres of war around the world.*

P2272 [British Steam Locomotive Builders](#)

£16.99 December



*From the early 1800s and for nearly 170 years, steam locomotives were built in Great Britain and Ireland, by a variety of firms, large and small. James Lowe spent many years accumulating a considerable archive of material on the History of the locomotive building industry, from its early beginnings at the dawn of railways, until the end of steam locomotive construction in the 1960s. British Steam Locomotive Builders was first published in 1975 and has not been in print for some years. This useful and well researched book is a must for any serious railway historian or locomotive enthusiast, 704 pages with reference to 350 builders, 541 illustrations and 47 diagrams. The material in this book has been carefully selected to cover all the leading former steam locomotive manufacturers in the British Isles.*

## PEN & SWORD

P5953 [Flying Scotsman, and the Story of Gresley's First Pacific Locomotives](#) £30.00 October



*Gresley's first Pacifics, though notable in their day, were made universally famous by one of their number - 4722 Flying Scotsman. Throughout her life she has been feted and glamorised far more than any of her sisters and yet when appearing from the LNER Works at Doncaster in 1923 she was just another member of the class, but at some stage, early in her career, she acquired star status and to this day has not lost it. But why is this so and why do people care so deeply about this locomotive even though her deeds were easily exceeded by Gresley's A4 Pacifics? Was it her styling, her name, her performance or simply the work of incredibly talented purveyors of slick PR? Or was it an amalgam of all these issues? As Flying Scotsman reaches 100 'not out' it is fascinating to reflect on these questions. It is, the author believes, a story without parallel in railway history.*

P6317 [Railway Travel in World War Two](#) £25.00 November



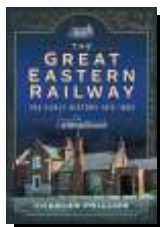
*The popular image of railway travel during the Second World War is that of a sparse service of dirty and grossly overcrowded trains that were forever being delayed. The iconic 'is your journey really necessary' poster campaign is credited with discouraging the public from travelling by train. This book questions these assumptions and examines the mobility requirements of the British public during the war years and aligns these to the level of service provided by the railways. Throughout the war the railways were managed by the Railway Executive Committee (REC) whose members were all senior railway officers. The conflicts between the REC and the government in respect to controlling passenger numbers on the railway system, which was overcrowded with essential additional war related freight traffic, are examined, as are the propaganda campaigns aimed at restricting 'unnecessary' travel.*

P7302 [The Clapham Train Accident](#) £25.00 October



*The Clapham Train Accident considers Clapham in its wider context, using official reports and expert interviews to describe both the causes and the terrible effects. It looks beyond the railway to the external factors acting not only on British Rail, but also the government of the time, and considers the safety improvements that came about as a result. Finally, the book brings the story up to date and looks at why the lessons learned over thirty years ago still need to be retained in an industry where the baton of safety is all-too-easily dropped during re-organisation, re-branding and after the departure of those who lived through darker days to make ours shine more brightly. The concatenation of events, the errors, the reorganisations, the financial constraints, which led to Clapham could happen to any business in any industry. On the morning of 12 December 1988, they happened to the railway.*

P2470 [The Great Eastern Railway, The Early History, 1811–1862](#) £25.00 November

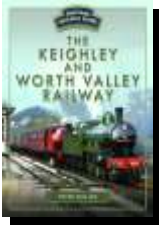


*This book is the first of two which covers the history of the Great Eastern Railway and its predecessors from the first proposal for a railway in the eastern counties in 1811 for a railway from Islington to Wallasea Island and Mucking to its absorption into the LNER under the 1923 Grouping of Railways. This volume covers the period from 1811 up to the formation of the Great Eastern Railway in 1862. The book makes use of both previously published works on the GER and its predecessors, but also contemporary documents such as the Directors' reports to shareholders of the Eastern Counties Railway, timetables, reports in local and national newspapers as well as extracts from selected peoples' diaries. Incorporating these other sources means the book sheds new light on the Railway's history.*

## PEN & SWORD

### P0221 [The Keighley and Worth Valley Railway](#)

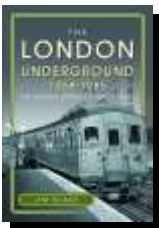
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Now preserved for almost sixty years, the former Midland Railway branch from Keighley to Oxenhope to the west of Bradford may not be one of the country's longest – indeed it only stretches for just under five miles – but it is one of the country's most popular preserved lines. With a history stretching back to the mid-nineteenth century, the Keighley & Worth Valley provided an essential link for the communities that it served for almost a century. The harsh economic realities of the 1950s made its future uncertain and its fate was, theoretically, sealed before the infamous Beeching Report of March 1963. However, there were a number of local enthusiasts who, having previously witnessed the demise of the ex-Great Northern Railway Queensbury Triangle routes in the mid-1950s, were determined that the Oxenhope line would not suffer a similar fate. With the line preserved, services were triumphantly restored in 1968 and the line has been providing pleasures for tourists and enthusiasts ever since.

### P5563 [The London Underground, 1968-1985 : The Greater London Council Years](#)

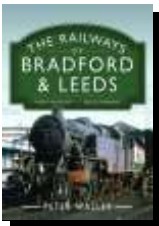
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London's historic Underground railway system in the period from 1968 to 1985 was a vastly different place to today. Much of its rolling stock dated from before World War Two, most trains were two-person operated as the 1970s dawned. Jim Blake recorded most of the system before it would change forever, concentrating on the older rolling stock as well as other items of interest due for replacement or modernisation. The transfer of overall control of London's buses and Underground system to the city-wide Greater London Council at the beginning of 1970 was removed by the Thatcher regime in 1984, after which things rapidly went downhill. This book covers the years of GLC control, including the months prior to their taking. Many rare and unusual scenes are here, including the uncompleted Northern Line extension between Drayton Park and Highgate, which had been so close to completion when work was halted during the war, but then abandoned in the early 1950s.

### P7342 [The Railways of Bradford and Leeds- Their History and Development](#)

£30.00 October



It was to the south-west of Leeds that one of the key lines in the development of Britain's railway network, the Middleton Railway, established the principle of seeking parliamentary sanction for the construction of a new form of transport. Five decades later in the early 19th century it was again the Middleton Railway that was at the forefront of the use of steam power to move coal from colliery to market. From the early 1830s through until the early years of the 20th century, the local railway network continued to expand. If it had not been for the outbreak WWI the area would have played host to one of the last first-generation main lines to be constructed, a new main line north from Royston. In the event the line was never completed, consigning Bradford to be served by no more than glorified branch lines. Providing a largely illustrated account to the history of the railway development of the area, the book focuses on the evolution of the network in the almost 80 years since the end of WWII.

### P4881 [The Southern Region \(BR\) Class 73 and 74 Locomotives](#)

£20.00 October



The Southern Region of British Railways had long sought to design a locomotive capable of working on electrified lines and non-electrified station yards and sidings. In 1959 British Railways approved a design, designated Class HA, later British Railways Class 73, which combined the electrical equipment of the latest EMU design with the standard English Electric diesel engine in one bodyshell. An initial order was placed for six locomotives but allocated to Eastleigh Carriage and Wagon Works because the design used stock components normally found on the multiple unit fleet. The locomotives were released to traffic during February 1962 followed by a further 43 improved Class 73 locomotives which were built by English Electric. The locomotives proved a useful design but when British Railways was privatised in 1994 the new operator considered them surplus and sold them. Some were converted for special purposes forming into sub-classes so in December 2022 30 of the 49 fleet still remained active in service.



## PEN & SWORD

P7022 [Western Region Steam Locomotive Depots](#) £28.00 November



From the opening of the Great Western Railway in 1838 to the end of steam traction on the Western Region in 1965 the 'engine shed' formed a vital role in both the infrastructure and operation of the railway. As the Great Western system expanded so did the need for larger locomotive servicing facilities and from the 1870s right through to the 1930s many sheds were rebuilt into larger locomotive depots or in some cases replaced by entirely new structures. Nationalisation of the railways in 1948 saw the formation of the 'British Railways Western Region'. Apart from a few early sub-shed closures the number of Western Region steam depots and sub-sheds remained almost unaltered until the regional boundary changes of 1958. This book illustrates Western Region steam depots and 'sub sheds' that were in operation in the mid-1950s. Today the unique atmosphere of the steam 'shed' can still be experienced at Didcot, where the original 1932 locomotive shed forms the centrepiece of the Didcot Railway Centre.

## PLATFORM 5 PUBLISHING

PF406 [The Beaten Track Volume 3 : The Traction and Extremities of Britain's Rail Network 1970-1985](#) £34.95 October



The Beaten Track Volume 3 – a third selection of the best colour photography from 1970–1985. More than 250 high quality colour images illustrate an assortment of traction types, very few of which can still be seen on the main line, many at railway locations that have long since disappeared or have changed out of all recognition. All the photographs are accompanied by extensive captions, containing considerable historical and anecdotal information relating to the lines, stations and trains depicted. Hardback. A4 size. 176 pages.

## SILVER LINK

S4586 [Railways & Recollections 124 The Fairbourne Railway](#) £11.99 November



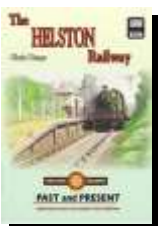
For part 124 in Silver Link's Recollections series, Author Nigel Adams looks at the Fairbourne Railway which has run from the village of Fairbourne to Penrhyn Point since 1895. 64 pages, landscape, softback, illustrated throughout with photographs and informative captions.

S5899 [The Bluebell Railway- A Line for all Seasons](#) £35.00 November



Opened in 1960 to 'preserve the puffer for posterity', a trip along the Bluebell Line is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable journeys one could wish for. In the spring bluebells, from which the line takes its name, carpet the many woods adjoining the line while during the summer months special events attract railway enthusiasts from far and wide. The stunning autumn tints are a joy to behold while the highlight of the winter period is the annual visit by Father Christmas which brings such joy to the children. The Bluebell is truly a line for all seasons.

S5303 [The Helston Railway Past & Present \(New Edition\)](#) £22.00 December

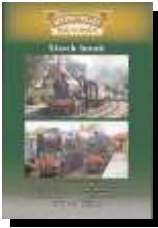


For transport enthusiasts Helston is famous for having the most southerly railway station in the UK, and the starting point of the first railway-operated motor omnibus service in Great Britain, introduced by the GWR in 1903. Although plans for a railway were laid in the 1840s, it was not until May 1887 that the branch from Gwinear Road opened, winding through the Cornish countryside to Helston. In 1898 it was taken over by the GWR to serve the local community. Rumours of closure began to circulate in the early 1960s, and in November 1962 the last passenger train ran. Goods traffic continued for a further two years, then the line was closed and lifted. Happily, that was not to be the end of the story as the Helston Railway Preservation Society undertook the task to bring this line back to its former glory. May 2012 marked the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Helston Railway, and the first edition was published to mark that important date. This new expanded 2nd edition brings the story up to date.

## SILVER LINK

### S4563 [The Severn Valley Railway Stock Book](#)

£14.99 December



Over the years the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) has amassed a magnificent collection of locomotives, carriages, freight wagons and maintenance rolling stock. This volume is the long-awaited new edition, the first to be produced by Silver Link in association with the SVR, and follows the popular Visitor Guide, recently published and selling fast. Compiled by David C Williams, a founder member and director of the railway, with contributions from fellow SVR volunteers and enthusiasts, this comprehensive volume covers all current stock on the railway and includes details of many past visiting and resident items. Comprehensive details are provided for each item covered and the illustrations provide ease of recognition. Railway modellers will find the information contained within these pages of particular interest as they seek to extend their collection of rolling stock.

## THE FIFTY FUND

### FF691 [Hoovering Around Bristol and Bath](#)

£22.95 October



This book focusses on the trains hauled by class 50s locomotives in and around the cities of Bristol and Bath. The first of the English Electric built locomotives arrived for duty at Bristol Bath Road depot in 1972 and for the next twenty years they were a staple of freight, passenger and maintenance trains in the area. It looks at each of the main routes and branch lines from 1973 to the current day with many pictures from both before and after the major refurbishment of the class. For the purposes of this book the area considered to be Bristol and Bath is the area inside the following locations: To the North: Cam and Dursley, To the East: Thingley Junction and Hullavington, To the South: Bradford Junctions and Cogload Junction. To the West: The Severn Tunnel portal near Pilning.

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### UQE15 [British Railway Stations 1825-1900- An Essential Gazetteer](#)

£17.99 October



Railways initially developed to carry freight but, quickly, it became clear that there was a demand for passenger traffic as well and these new travellers required facilities – the railway station was born. Whilst the vast majority of stations opened before 1900 survived into the post-Victorian era, a sizeable number did not. This book examines those stations that were opened during the 19th century and were to survive into the 20th. Some 1,200 stations are covered. Each has a small map, with information provided, that includes the Ordnance Survey 10-digit National Grid Reference, where known, and the site's current status. An appendix lists some of those that had only the briefest of existences and as a result, were excluded, plus a large majority of those which were rebuilt on the same site (and thus had continuous use into the 20th century). With its comprehensive information about closed stations, this book is an excellent companion to the many railway atlases and station chronologies.

### UQE14 [Settle & Carlisle- The Postwar Years](#)

£11.99 October



There are few more spectacular railway lines than the route from Skipton to Carlisle through Settle and Appleby, but in fact it was a route that was nearly never built. Had the London & North Western and Midland railways been able to agree the use of the existing line, the glorious Settle & Carlisle line would never have been constructed. The ambition of the Midland Railway, however, meant that the creation of the line through the Pennine countryside became an imperative and, in conjunction with the North British, a new Anglo-Scottish route was completed. Following Grouping and Nationalisation, the Settle & Carlisle line became increasingly threatened, particularly after the associated ex-North British route to Edinburgh via Hawick closed in 1969. Threatened with closure on several occasions, the Settle & Carlisle survived and this much-loved line is now regarded as one of the most scenic railways in the country. This book is a pictorial tribute to the men and machines that operated this classic main line.

## OTHER TRANSPORT

### AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A0858 [Local Authority Vehicles Since the 1970s](#)

£15.99 October



*Local government has undergone significant changes since the early 1970s. Firstly, in 1974, the county boroughs, urban districts and rural districts were replaced by district or borough councils operating under county councils. At this time local authorities were responsible for the operation of a large number of services within their boundaries including road construction, maintenance and cleansing; refuse collection and disposal; parks and playing fields; as well as education and social services. In the 1980s competitive tendering saw many services either contracted out to private companies or operated by in-house direct labour organisations. From 1996 another reorganisation saw the creation of many unitary authorities responsible for all services in the area. A large variety of vehicles, from pedestrian-operated pavement sweepers to maximum capacity articulated units, were used on these duties. This book looks at some of the vehicles in use by local authorities, from Devon to Scotland, since the 1970s.*

A0862 [Northern European Emergency Vehicles](#)

£15.99 October



*The modern emergency vehicle comes in a bewildering variety of forms and functions, but their aim is fundamentally the same – to save or preserve life and property and maintain public safety. This book presents a photographic journey across the UK and Northern Europe, looking at some of the common and not so common emergency vehicles that can be summoned to our aid and assistance. The author's journey has taken in some of the familiar and not so familiar 'heroes' that serve their local communities with dedication, pride and a sense of public service. Some of the vehicles inside will be familiar to you, either in their role or even livery, others will come as a surprise. Looking at ambulance and medical services; fire and rescue; police and law enforcement; and specialist emergency services, this carefully curated selection of photographs offers a fascinating insight into the wide variety of vehicles that can be found across northern Europe.*

## CARS & MOTORING

### AUTO REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

MH194 [Tesla and the Other New Electrics](#)

£5.95 November



As Tesla grew to be one of the biggest car brands in the world, and other new start-up companies were pouring into the electric vehicle market, it was obvious that the Auto Review series should cover them. The 21st century saw a shift in the world motor industry, away from internal-combustion engines to cleaner alternatives, mostly battery-electric, though hydrogen fuel cells also got a look in. This meant drastic changes of direction for 'legacy' vehicle makers, developing new electric vehicle designs, retraining workers and retooling factories, at great expense (\$50bn for Ford, \$64bn for Honda). In addition, investment at similar level was needed for new battery 'gigafactories' close to car plants. In this publication we look mostly at the 'new names' who could start with a clean sheet, though they needed vast upfront investment to secure a share of this lucrative new market, and some became 'unicorns' (start-ups worth more than \$1bn).

### AVALON TRAVEL PUBLISHING

ATP83 [The Open Road: 50 Best Road Trips in the USA \(Second Edition\)](#)

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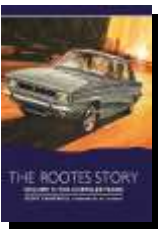


Get inspired and get ready to hit the road with the ultimate guide to America's best road trips! This book features: strategic lists and road trip options, choose from lists of the best coastal drives, cross-country journeys, trips for kids, awe-inspiring views, and more. Flexible itineraries are given with 50 different road trips organized by region and gear you up for any adventure, from a weekend getaway to a cross-country trip. Can't-miss stops from coast to coast from Leaf-peeping along the Blue Ridge Parkway, looking for wildflowers on Arizona's Apache Trail, or gazing at the mysterious Marfa Lights blinking over the West Texas desert. Get expert advice from seasoned road-tripper, and author, Jessica Dunham with comprehensive planning resources, easy-to-use maps, helpful info on things to do, lodging, and dining for every route, clear directions to each route's starting point, and tips for minimising your environmental impact along the way.

### CROWOOD PRESS LTD

CW178 [The Rootes Story Vol. II - The Chrysler Years](#)

£40.00 October



This illustrated work focuses on the Rootes Group during the 1960s and 70s, the vehicles produced by the company, the people that created them and the events that led to Rootes selling out to Chrysler Corporation of America and eventual acquisition by the French Peugeot company. A valuable backdrop to the events is provided throughout the book by ex-Rootes employees and management.

### SKIRA

SK178 [Aston Martin](#)

£42.00 December



With over 200 stunning colour images, this volume explains the forces behind Aston Martin as a world-leading carmaker and celebrates the cars' speed, durability, reliability, sophistication, leading technology, and sporting nature. The story behind the iconic prowess, spirit, and mobility of this great enterprise is introduced in the preface by Sir Stirling Moss. By recounting his career as a race driver for Aston Martin, he sheds light on the swift development in style, technology, force, and sophistication that led the make to acquire its legendary status.

### TROPE PUBLISHING CO

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### TP317 [The ABCs of the Automotive Industry](#)

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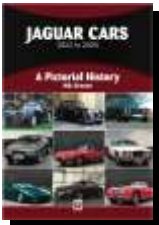


*The ABCs of the Automotive Industry introduces readers young and old to some of history's most iconic (and sometimes) forgotten cars, from Azzurra to Zagato. Focusing on a logo, emblem, or hood ornament design for each letter of the alphabet, author and designer Carlos Segura details the unique history of each company. The ABCs of the Automotive Industry is sure to delight both current and future car-lovers and automotive enthusiasts.*

## VELOCE PUBLISHING

### VE776 [Jaguar- A Pictorial History 1922 to 2005](#)

£19.99 October



*This book includes information covering Jaguar's early history from 1922 and lists all model ranges and models thereafter, right up to the 2000s. With model-by-model descriptions and detailed technical information, this will be a great resource for all Jaguar and automotive enthusiasts. This book contains hundreds of photographs, obtained by the author during his years involved in the Jaguar Drivers Club and Jaguar Enthusiasts Club as well as those provided by the Jaguar Heritage archives. This Pictorial History includes:- Detailed model-by-model comparisons, including changes in model production- Extensively illustrated with colour and black & white photographs- Body and interior styling identification and differences, along with colour schemes- Detailed technical information and specifications- Standard and optional equipment details- Dashboard instrument layout drawings and photographs- Production figures as a total or individual model where available.*

### VE792 [Porsche 911 \(991\)- The Definitive History 2011 to 2019](#)

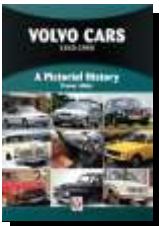
£50.00 October



*The definitive history of the Porsche 991-series 911s, with all major markets looked at in detail to cover all variants and put the story into perspective. Illustrated throughout with contemporary photography sourced from the factory, this book serves as the perfect guide to this best-selling 911 generation in all its forms. Written by an acknowledged Porsche expert, with the full co-operation of the factory.*

### VE613 [Volvo Cars 1945-1995 A Pictorial History](#)

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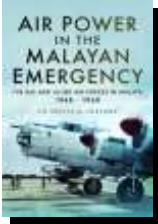


*A comprehensive pictorial history of Volvo cars produced from 1945 up to and including models in production in 1995. This really is the 'go-to' publication if you need to compare specific models. The many models are categorised and detailed across several chapters. This book is a trip down memory lane for any post-war car enthusiast with fantastic illustrations from several sources, including line drawings, black & white plus colour period photos including interior detail. All models are covered including saloons, sports derivatives, limited editions, estates and coupes. A section on motor sport achievements and TV/movie appearances is included, along with contemporary advertising headlines, complementing the historical content, technical specifications, key production changes and build figures.*

## AIRCRAFT

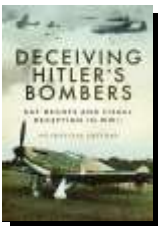
### AIR WORLD

- P2612 [Air Power in the Malayan Emergency- The RAF and Allied Air Forces in Malaya 1948-1960](#) £25.00 October



*The difficulties of operating in a country the size of England and Wales, of which 80 per cent is dense jungle, against a mobile force of less than 10,000 were immense. Yet over the course of the Emergency a highly effective system of rapid response to guerrilla attacks and planned offensive strikes was developed. Though never amounting to more than six or seven squadrons, typically equipped with Spitfires, Beaufighters, Tempests, Lincolns and Sunderlands, and later with Vampires and Venoms, the RAF and Commonwealth crews helped the British and Malayan authorities defeat the insurgents. This book explores the RAF and allied forces in Malaya between 1948 and 1960.*

- P3412 [Deceiving Hitler's Bombers- RAF Decoys and Visual Deception in WWII](#) £25.00 November



*It was accepted at the start of the war that enemy bombers would always get through the UK's defences and that the German bomber crews could be expected to have a reasonable understanding of Britain's geography and of its main industrial and military facilities. That being the case, how could the most important sites be protected? A remarkable degree of success was achieved using camouflage to conceal key locations by creating dummy structures and equipment, or, for example, displaying dummy tracks, lights and fires. To draw the Luftwaffe away from RAF airfields, many false aerodromes were built within six miles of the actual one. Though a little-reported aspect of the war in the air, and particularly during the period of the Blitz, visual deception played a leading role in the defence of the UK and important targets overseas. The full story of the intricate and ingenious methods adopted to deceive Hitler's bombers is indeed a fascinating one.*

- P9261 [Lancasters at War- Bomber Command Operations from RAF Grimsby](#) £30.00 October



*So vast was Bomber Command, that to tell its full story in any detail would be a huge task. In this book, Ian Reid has set out to explore its successes and failures through the men and machines that operated from one airfield, namely RAF Grimsby, and one unit, 100 Squadron. Forty years of research has resulted in Ian Reid drawing together a remarkable record of one part of Bomber Command's wartime service. Packed full of first-hand accounts from aircrew, groundcrew and WAAFs, all of which are supported by many previously unpublished photographs, Lancaster at War is an important addition to the record of the Allies' Strategic Bombing Offensive in the Second World War, as well as Bomber Command's part in the defeat of the Third Reich.*

- P4439 [Marshal of the Royal Air Force: Sir Charles Portal- One of the Greatest Allied Leaders of WW2](#) £25.00 October



*Charles Frederick Algernon Portal was born in Hungerford, England, in 1893. One of seven brothers, Portal developed a fierce competitive streak and a steely determination from an early age. Known by all who knew him as Peter, Portal enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of the First World War as a despatch rider, being mentioned in General French's very first despatch. Portal's abilities were quickly recognised, and he gained a commission in short order. It was in the air that Portal saw his future, and he subsequently transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, initially as an observer, before training as a pilot. In this latter role, Portal proved a courageous and instinctive leader, garnering the rare accolade of a DSO and Bar for his wartime service. Author, Richard Milburn, reveals in this long-overdue biography that Charles Portal was a hero in every sense; a heroic battlefield leader in one global conflict, and one of the men most responsible for Allied victory.*

## AIR WORLD

P6887 [Silver Spitfire- The Longest Flight](#)

£25.00 December



*Told through a panoply of astounding photographs, each stage of the Silver Spitfire's remarkable history and unrivalled world tour is displayed in this beautiful tribute to this great icon of British engineering and pioneering spirit.*

P7330 [Stories from the Stalags- Allied Airmen Behind the Wire in WWII](#)

£25.00 October



*Martin Bowman's revealing narrative describes in adrenaline-pumping detail the furious air battles that led to the predicament of many shot-down airmen, as well as the personal campaigns they fought to regain their freedom. Fascinating for its gripping and factual recreation of the bombers' encounters with enemy fighters and flak, as well as the confrontations in captivity between Prisoners of Wars and guards, Stories from the Stalags provides a real insight into the war as some of those who 'fell from formation' saw it.*

## KEY PUBLISHING

K2244 [Air Forces of the Warsaw Pact Poland](#)

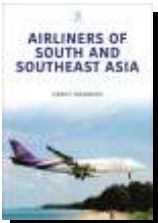
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*The first in a series of books focusing on the former Warsaw Pact nations after the fall of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact. Most of the nations had extensive inventories of former Soviet-manufactured aircraft. A number of them were quick to join NATO and adapt their strategies and tactics to NATO standards, and this book will describe the development of all these nations from 1990 onwards. Lavishly illustrated with images that have never been published before, this first book focuses on Poland.*

K2355 [Airlines of South and South East Asia](#)

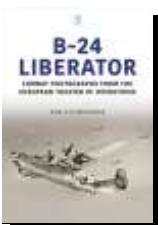
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*Illustrated with 180 colour photographs, with extended and informative captions, this book looks at the airliners of South & South East Asia.*

K2457 [B-24 Liberator- Combat Photographs from the European Theater of Operations](#)

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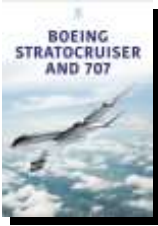


*This book examines one of the two heavy bombers produced by the United States' aviation industry during WWII. Prevailing theories of war, based on the outcome of WWI, which had only ended 25 years before, were focussed on the ability of a nation to extend its military strength to the enemy's homeland using precision daylight bombing, thus destroying the production of war material and shatter the morale of the people. The RAF decided to instead turn to mass night bombing for the destruction of entire cities, but the USAAF stayed with daylight bombing, relying on its Norden bombsight and its heavily armed aircraft bombers to protect its fighters. In that the bombing never achieved either of the aims against the enemy, it could be considered a failure, but that takes nothing from the courage and tenacity of the men and machines that fought the daylight bombing missions in the skies of Europe between 1942–1945. This beautifully illustrated book shows the B-24 in its various roles across WWII.*

## KEY PUBLISHING

### K2460 [Boeing Stratocruiser and 707](#)

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*In 1916, William Boeing officially incorporated his new aircraft business. He successfully sold aircraft to the US Armed Forces and formed an air transport operation, which used aircraft of his own making. In the lead up to WWII, Boeing produced some advanced designs, including a pressurized airliner and a large, long-range flying boat. As the war began, Boeing forged ahead with its famous B-17 Flying Fortress bomber and the pressurized B-29 Superfortress. While Boeing had focused on bombers during the war, Douglas and Lockheed had produced troop transports that were easily adapted as airliners for the postwar market. Boeing produced the Stratocruiser to fulfil that role, but it was not as big a success as the company wanted, and Boeing continued to try and design an alternative. It was heavily involved in the US Air Force jet bomber program and, using that experience, designed what became the world's most famous airliner in the form of the Boeing 707.*

### K2473 [Bristol Beaufighter at War](#)

£15.99 December



*Founded in 1910, the Bristol Aeroplane Company was both one of the first and most important British aviation companies. One of its most famous creations, the Bristol Beaufighter, took its first flight on 17 July 1939, and shortly after became a highly effective night-fighter with the RAF during the Second World War. It also went on to have extensive service in Australia, New Zealand, Poland and the United States, to name a few. Beautifully illustrated, this book charts the design, development and service of this impressive multi-role aircraft.*

### K2316 [Buccaneer](#)

£15.99 December



*The mighty Blackburn Buccaneer was considered an important and capable Cold War aircraft. This fully illustrated book details the type's development and entry into service with the Royal Navy, RAF and South African Air Force, operations, weaponry and test flying.*

### K2472 [Cubana](#)

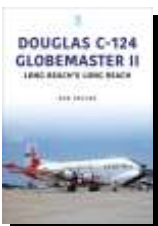
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*Cubana has had to adapt to a number of different scenarios, from its early days as a flying club, through the heady days of the 1940s and 1960s, when its nation became America's party island and the country was taken over by Fidel Castro, which turned the politics of the country on its head. Suddenly, Cuba's best friend, the Soviet Union was 6,000 miles away and all connections to its nearest neighbour, the USA, were cut, and the country was, in effect, closed off from the rest of the world. In the 1980s, the country once again began to open to tourism, and in more recent years, relations with the US, but, through all this, Cubana has sought to keep the island connected to the rest of the world, with equipment sourced from both the Soviet Union and Europe. This book will tell the story from the beginning until the present day.*

### K2595 [Douglas C-124 Globemaster II- Long Beach's Long Reach](#)

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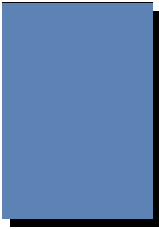
*The Douglas C-124 Globemaster II is an American heavy-lift cargo aircraft that served with various air commands within the USAF in the 1950s and 1960s until it was retired in 1974. With over 170 images, this book will trace the history of the C-124 from its creation through to its introduction to Strategic Air Command and usage with other air commands.*



## KEY PUBLISHING

### K2424 [Irish Air Corps- 100 Years](#)

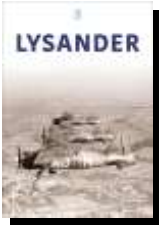
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*On 23 March 2022, the Irish Air Corps celebrated its centenary. Since its formative days, when the first Director of Irish Military Aviation was appointed, closely followed by the military handover of Baldonnel Aerodrome, the Air Corps has evolved into a modern air arm of the Irish Defence Forces. In this special commemorative centenary publication, photo-journalist Josef Campion documents this journey with historic photographs of those early days of the fledgling air corps and the following decades. The book culminates with stunning recently captured air-to-air imagery and ground-based imagery of the myriad of roles the Irish Air Corps undertakes in the 21st century.*

### K2459 [Lysander](#)

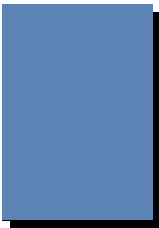
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*The Westland Lysander is one of Britain's, if not the world's, most easily recognizable aircraft. Originally designed for army cooperation duties, the Lysander's career in that role was short, and it was in other capacities, including aerial liaison and ground support, that the type was destined to make a real name for itself. A Lysander would have been a welcome sight to a downed pilot in the sea during the initial stages of World War Two, and, in much the same way, an agent seeking to return to England in the middle of night, likewise, would have embraced the 'Lizzie'. The Lysander was also heavily used at air gunnery schools, and a multitude of target towing flights gave fledgling fighter pilots their first taste of firing live rounds at a moving target. This new book edition of Aeroplane Icons: Lysander demonstrates why the Lysander is, and will always be, one of the world's great iconic flying machines.*

### K2425 [Mirage 2000](#)

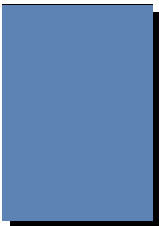
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*The Dassault Mirage 2000 was for many years the backbone of the French Air Force. This multi-role, fourth-generation fighter has been used during a number of wars and operations, including the Gulf War, the Bosnian War and the war in Afghanistan. It has not just served the French Air Force but has been exported to a number of countries, including India, UAE, Greece and Taiwan. As the Mirage 2000C is withdrawn from service, this highly illustrated volume celebrates the life of a truly remarkable machine.*

### K2427 [Mosquito](#)

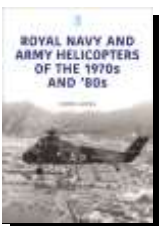
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*If one aircraft epitomises the sheer daring of RAF aircrews during World War Two, it is the de Havilland Mosquito. It was a mount that performed many roles - bomber, night-fighter, fighter-bomber - and, undoubtedly, it remains legendary due to the audacious ultra-low-level raids performed against targets such as Amiens prison in France, and seemingly almost skimming the waves during Coastal Command attacks on Axis shipping, often running the gauntlet of enemy flak. Let us not forget the stellar reconnaissance work also conducted by Mosquitos throughout the war, but rubber-stamping its versatility and longevity, the 'Mossie' continued to provide sterling service after the conflict, at home and abroad. This highly illustrated book gives readers an insight into this remarkable aircraft.*

### K2259 [Royal Navy and Army Helicopters of the 1970s and 80s](#)

£15.99 December



*This is the fifth book in the series of photographs of British combat aircraft of the 1970s and 1980s and covers the RAF helicopters in service during those two decades and their part in the latter stages of the Cold War. The Westland Whirlwind was used in the air-sea rescue (ASR) role before being replaced by the Westland Sea King, both aircraft being prominent around the British coastline with their bright yellow colouring. The Westland Wessex was used by the RAF in a variety of roles including search and rescue. The Aérospatiale Puma was introduced to service with the RAF in 1968 and is still being flown today while the Boeing Chinook came into service in 1981, just in time to take part in the Falklands War and is still in service today. Containing 180 photographs, this book is a pictorial compendium of these iconic machines.*

## KEY PUBLISHING

### K2435 [Spanish Military Jets 1954-2022: Difficult Beginnings](#)

£15.99 December



*After WWII, as most countries were beginning to modernize their air forces, Spain found itself primarily flying the very aircraft it had been fielding a decade earlier. In fact, the most modern fighter in the Ejército del Aire (EdA, Spanish Air Force) was the Messerschmitt Bf 109F. However, with help from the US and the signing of the Pact of Madrid, Spain received its first military jets in 1954. While the jets they received were not the most modern, they flew well and enabled Spain to bring the EdA and Armada (Navy) in line with forces from other European countries. Spain soon had a fleet of jet aircraft in their armed services, which included the Lockheed T-33, North American F-86 Sabre, Hispano HA-200 Saeta and HA-220 Super Saeta, Lockheed F-104G Starfighter, Dassault Mirage III and F-1, Northrop F-5, McDonnell Douglas F-4C Phantom II and Harrier AV-8S. This book, the first of two volumes on Spanish military jets and looks at the earliest jets received, their roles and the liveries they displayed.*

### K2436 [Spanish Military Jets 1954-2022: Towards the 21st Century](#)

£15.99 December



*The Spanish Air Force was born in October 1939, following the Spanish Civil War. Starting life from the ashes of conflict, it has grown to become one of the most important air forces in Europe. Highly illustrated with stunning photographs taken over several decades, this book covers the modern and ever-evolving selection of jet aircraft that have formed the spearhead of the Spanish air defence between 1954 and 2022. This is the second book in this series and focuses on more modern jets heading towards the 21st Century.*

## MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS

### MHS63 [Come Fly with Me: The Rise and Fall of Trans World Airlines](#)

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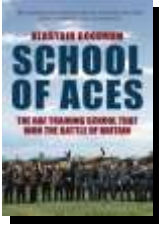


*This book recounts how three larger-than-life personalities- Charles Lindbergh, Howard Hughes, and Carl Icahn-shaped the history of Trans World Airlines (TWA) and determined its fate. It is the story of how powerful, strong-willed individuals created and ultimately destroyed an American icon that had deep roots in Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri. This book traces the airline from its origins in the 1920s to the twenty-first century. By using unprecedented access to the entire TWA corporate archives and interviewing key business leaders, the authors have crafted a compelling tale of a corporation, an industry, and an era.*

## MILITARY

### AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A1950 [School of Aces- The RAF Training School that Won the Battle of Britain](#) £10.99 November



*This is the fascinating true story behind one of the key reasons that RAF Fighter Command saw such success in the Second World War and emerged victorious from the Battle of Britain, the incredible training school that transformed young men from inexperienced pilots into some of the finest airmen in the world.*

### PEN & SWORD

P9725 [The Shetland 'Bus' Transport Secret Agents Across the North Sea in WWII](#) £14.99 October



*The Shetland Bus was not a bus, but the nickname of a special operations group that set up a route across the North Sea between Norway and the Shetland Islands, north-east of mainland Scotland. The first voyage was made by Norwegian sailors to help their compatriots in occupied Norway, but soon the Secret Intelligence Service and the Special Operations Executive asked if they would be prepared to carry cargoes of British agents and equipment, as well. Fourteen boats of varied sizes were originally used, and Flemington House in Shetland was commandeered as the operation's HQ. The first official journey was conducted by the Norwegian fishing vessel the Aksel, which left Luna Ness on 30 August 1941 on route to Bremen in Norway. This book examines that first journey, as well later ones, and discusses the agents and operations which members of the Shetland Bus were involved in throughout the war. It also looks at the donation of 3 submarine chasers to the operation, made in October 1943, by the US Navy.*

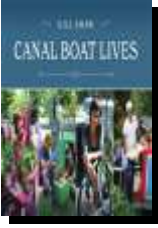
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## SHIPPING & MARITIME

### AMBERLEY PUBLISHING

A2067 [Canal Boat Lives](#)

£19.99 November



*Britain's canals were largely built during the Industrial Revolution to move goods around the country. In time, this network linked the major cities, taking the narrow boats and their cargoes into the heart of urban areas. Today, the canals have been largely converted to leisure use but increasing numbers of people are also turning to canals as place to live. Today's increasingly expensive and dense housing has meant that many are finding the delights of canal-boat living as an alternative. Close to open spaces and nature even in the heart of the city, with its own sense of community, living on a canal boat has become a viable way of life for many. In this book photographer Gill Shaw celebrates the variety of people living on canals today. Through photographs and their own words, this fascinating window into a unique way of life will appeal to all those who would like to know more about Britain's canal-side inhabitants.*

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