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Merrimack is the biography of a warship, the U.S. Steam Frigate Merrimack. Her name has long been linked to the first duel of ironclads, an epic Civil War battle fought at Hampton Roads between the Monitor and Merrimack. But over time the myth of the Merrimack—actually the C.S.S. Virginia—displaced the memory of a magnificent antebellum U.S. Navy warship.

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The steam frigate Merrimack lost her identity. Nearly forgotten is the story of the original Merrimack, the namesake of a class of six powerful war steamers. When built she was the largest vessel in the U.S. Navy, the nation's first screw-propelled frigate and the earliest major warship to be armed entirely with shell-firing guns. Her first commission took her on a tour of the principal naval stations of Europe. During her second commission, she served as flagship of the Navy's Pacific Squadron, cruising the shores of

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Chile, Peru, Panama, Hawaii, Mexico and Nicaragua. Through the copious use of Merrimack's deck logs, official correspondence, contemporary newspapers and journals, and original construction plans, the author's research illuminates the mechanical issues and human interactions that indelibly shaped Merrimack's brief career. The author provides an unparalleled glimpse into the day-to-day events that defined the life of an active antebellum warship. But Merrimack offers more than just a summary

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of the ship's operational life. The author, a professional naval architect and marine engineer, dissects the origins of her design and compares the Merrimack class steam frigates to contemporary U.S. and British warships. He also examines the controversy surrounding her troubled engines, documenting their performance using archived drawings and steam log data. In summary, Merrimack embraces the many threads of a bygone era—history, biography, geography and technology—and has woven them together in telling of the

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story of the U.S. Steam Frigate Merrimack. In the seven decades since the darkest moments of the Second World War it seems every tenebrous corner of the conflict has been laid bare, prodded and examined from every perspective of military and social history. But there is a story that has hitherto been largely overlooked. It is a tale of quiet heroism, a story of ordinary people who fought, with enormous self-sacrifice, not with tanks and guns, but with elbow grease and determination. It is the story of the British railways and,

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above all, the extraordinary men and women who kept them running from 1939 to 1945. Churchill himself certainly did not underestimate their importance to the wartime story when, in 1943, he praised 'the unwavering courage and constant resourcefulness of railwaymen of all ranks in contributing so largely towards the final victory.' And what a story it is. The railway system during the Second World War was the lifeline of the nation, replacing vulnerable road transport and merchant shipping. The railways mobilised

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troops, transported munitions, evacuated children from cities and kept vital food supplies moving where other forms of transport failed. Railwaymen and women performed outstanding acts of heroism. Nearly 400 workers were killed at their posts and another 2,400 injured in the line of duty. Another 3,500 railwaymen and women died in action. The trains themselves played just as vital a role. The famous Flying Scotsman train delivered its passengers to safety after being pounded by German bombers and strafed with

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gunfire from the air. There were astonishing feats of engineering restoring tracks within hours and bridges and viaducts within days. Trains transported millions to and from work each day and sheltered them on underground platforms at night, a refuge from the bombs above. Without the railways, there would have been no Dunkirk evacuation and no D-Day. Michael Williams, author of the celebrated book *On the Slow Train*, has written an important and timely book using original research and over a hundred new personal

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interviews. This is their story.

Das vorliegende Buch ist die Geschichte des Marineoffiziers und -strategen Alfred Thayer Mahan, der nicht nur in der US Navy Karriere machte: Auch in der Schriftstellerei er erfolgreich, begründete mit seinen Werken unter anderem die moderne US-Navy-Doktrin der Seeüberlegenheit. Seine Darstellungen der Vereinigten Staaten als Seefahrernation wurden nicht nur damals massenhaft rezepiert, sondern wirken auch noch bis heute. Dieses Werk beinhaltet den

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Rückblick und die Erinnerungen Mahans an die Zeit in der US Navy und ist eben deshalb ein sehr persönliches Werk.

Hierbei handelt es sich um eine englischsprachige Ausgabe.

The Trains Now Departed

War and Technology

A Brief History of Life in Victorian Britain

And of Their Introduction and Employment Upon the River Thames, Between London and Gravesend, to the Present Time

Naval Warfare, 1815-1914

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On the Slow Train Again

Logistics is an essential aspect of warfare and this is an original and much-needed contribution. All commanders know that an army (or navy) cannot operate without supplies yet most aspects of war studies emphasise strategy, tactics, weaponry and command. This book fills a gap in war studies with logistics as a huge subject at the centre of all conflict, globally and historically. The focus is on key conflicts,

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developments and concepts, illustrating the vital role of logistics with technologies changing but underlying issues remaining constant. Here is a world history of logistics - a veritable compendium - but within a detailed and comprehensive but concise text. Factors affecting logistics include, for example, climate, geography, food supplies, welfare of troops, payment, transport, communications, terrain and distance, but also government policy, stability and

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financial conditions. All are considered, including theoretical and practical factors of supply, from classical, ancient, early and medieval times, to modern eras of industrial warfare, especially with oil and steam, and scientific and technical advances - even cyber warfare and 'smart' weapons.

Felix, Bahnhofskatze und 'Senior Pest Controller', lebt seit sechs Jahren am englischen Bahnhof in Huddersfield in West Yorkshire. Die süße Katze hat ein

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besonderes Gespür für Menschen und führt Pendler und die Angestellten des Bahnhofs zueinander. "Ihre Anwesenheit zaubert ein Lächeln auf unser aller Gesicht", sagt Chris Bamford, der Bahnhofssprecher von Huddersfield. Wahre Geschichten, die das Herz bewegen, besonders das von Katzenfans. Als Felix in den Bahnhof von Huddersfield in Yorkshire einzieht, ahnt keiner, was das kleine süße Kätzchen für die Angestellten und Pendler bedeuten

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würde. Es stellt sich rasch heraus, dass Felix nicht nur kein Kater ist und erfolgreich Mäuse jagt, die Katze beweist ebenso ein bemerkenswertes Geschick für menschliche Schicksale: Einem autistischen Jungen hilft sie, aus sich herauszukommen. Einem entlaufenen Kind, das fröstelnd eine Nacht auf dem Bahnsteig verbringt, spendet sie Trost. Auch als sich bei den Bahnbediensteten tragische Ereignisse zutragen, können sich alle auf Felix

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verlassen. Und dank einer zufälligen Freundschaft mit einer Pendlerin, wird Felix, die Bahnhofskatze, eines Tages weltberühmt. "Felix - Die Bahnhofskatze" ist eine besondere Tier-Biographie für alle Katzenliebhaber und für alle Fans von Katzenbüchern wie "Bob, der Streuner", "Dewey und ich", "Und dann kam Billy" und "Die Katze, die kam, um zu bleiben". "Der 'Senior Pest Controller' ist eine globale Sensation. Sogar Fans aus China haben den Bahnhof in West

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Yorkshire besucht, um mit dem schwarz-weißen Kätzchen ein Selfie zu machen."

The Telegraph

This beautifully-packaged book will take the reader on the slow train to another era when travel meant more than hurrying from one place to the next, the journey meaning nothing but time lost in crowded carriages, condemned by broken timetables. On the Slow Train will reconnect with that long-missed need to lift our heads from the daily grind and

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reflect that there are still places in Britain where we can stop and stare. It will tap into many things: a love of railways, a love of history, a love of nostalgia. This book will be a paean to another age before milk churns, porters and cats on seats were replaced by security announcements and Burger King. These 12 spectacular journeys will help free us from what Baudelaire denounced as 'the horrible burden of time.' Updated for the paperback.

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***A Global and Ecological Narrative from the Fifteenth to the Twenty-first Century
Steaming to Victory***

From Sail to Steam, Recollections of Naval Life

A Complete Guide to the Ships that Shaped the Nation

The Origins of the Modern World

Bradshaw's monthly railway and steam navigation guide

I Should Know That: Great Britain covers a range of key topics on our fair land, including essential British history

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(Magna Carta, the Great Reform Act etc.), the current political and legal system (when can a magistrate decide whether a person is guilty or innocent?), migration to Britain, women's rights (when did married women gain the right to retain ownership of money and property?), geography (what's the distance between John O' Groats and Land's End?), and culture (who wrote 'Rule, Britannia!' etc...). The subjects and questions are inspired by the UK citizenship test and the book also includes the hilarious, though unfortunate, gaffes frequently made by our politicians. A book for anyone who wishes that they were more informed citizens. In late nineteenth and early twentieth century Britain, there was widespread fascination with the technological

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transformations wrought by modernity. Films, newspapers and literature told astonishing stories about technology, such as locomotives breaking speed records and moving images seemingly springing into life onscreen. And, whether in films about train travel, or in newspaper articles about movie theatres on trains, stories about the convergence of the railway and cinema were especially prominent. Together, the two technologies radically transformed how people interacted with the world around them, and became crucial to how British media reflected the nation's modernity and changing role within the empire. Rebecca Harrison draws on archival sources and an extensive corpus of films to trace the intertwined histories of the

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train and the screen for the first time. In doing so, she presents a new and illuminating material and cultural history of the period, and demonstrates the myriad ways railways and cinema coalesced to transform the population's everyday life. With examples taken from more than 240 newsreels and 40 feature-length films, From Steam to Screen is essential reading for students and researchers working on film studies and British history at the turn of the century and beyond.

In Great Britain there existed a practice of naming steam railway locomotives. The names chosen covered many and varied subjects, however a large number of those represented direct links with military personnel, regiments, squadrons, naval vessels, aircraft, battles and

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associated historic events. Memorably the Southern Railway (SR) created a Battle of Britain class of Light Pacific locomotives, which were named in recognition of Battle of Britain squadrons, airfields, aircraft and personnel. The Great Western Railway (GWR) renamed some of its express passenger Castle Class engines after Second World War aircraft. Names were displayed in varying styles on both sides of the locomotives, additionally some nameplates were adorned with ornate crests and badges. Long after the demise of mainline steam, rescued nameplates are still much sort after collectors' items, which when offered for sale command high prices. This generously illustrated publication highlights the relevant steam locomotives at work and

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explains the origins of the military names.

Merrimack, The Biography of a Steam Frigate

Trains to the Sea

Railways to Victory

London, Midland and Scottish Railway Steam

Locomotives

Access to History: Britain 1750-1900

Logistics: The Key to Victory

Steam Trains and Jigsaw Puzzles strikes most people as an intriguing title. The origin is simple, however my trainspotting youth has been synchronized with a later interest in jigsaw puzzles. The result is expensive I have a collection of over 250 jigsaws depicting British steam railways. The conclusion is impossible there are over 500 steam railway jigsaw puzzles

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to collect and they are being supplemented annually. The Liverpool & Manchester Railway marked the arrival of the true passenger railway service in 1830 and presented jigsaw manufacturers with another subject on which to focus. Prior to this date the jigsaw experience, started by John Spilsbury in c1760, was restricted to subjects such as religion, geography, history, monarchs, the alphabet and art. Many characteristics combine to form the basis of nostalgic images buried indelibly in the minds of people who travelled in the steam railway age. Manufacturers have not been slow to tap into this nostalgia and produce jigsaws aimed at stirring those memories and inviting people to reflect on past experiences, good, bad or indifferent. Chad Valley, Victory, Good Companion, Falcon, Waddingtons and Arrow are just a few manufacturers who

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produced steam railway jigsaws in the past. Most of these companies are now a distant memory while others are in foreign ownership. Equally famous names such as Wentworth, Ravensburger (Germany), House of Puzzles, Gibsons, JR Puzzles and King Puzzles (Holland) continue the manufacturing tradition. Output is generally superb thanks to the efforts of fine railway artists such as Terence Cuneo, George Heiron, T. E. North, Don Breckon, John Austin, Barry Freeman and Malcolm Root. The book is aimed at anyone with an interest in jigsaw puzzles and at those enthusiasts and aficionados who refuse to allow those evocative memories of the Golden Age of Steam to die.

Where To Go When: Great Britain & Ireland is the essential holiday planner, unearthing the best of every region of Great

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Britain & Ireland season by season. Whatever you're looking for- from a family seaside holiday to a long hike in beautiful countryside- Where To Go When: Great Britain & Ireland suggests suitable locations and the best time of year to visit each one. Written by a team of travel experts and with a foreword by popular BBC1 and Countryfile TV presenter Julia Bradbury, this book combines informative and inspirational narrative with truly sumptuous photography bringing each destination to life. It boasts six different holiday themes from History and Heritage and Wildlife to Festivals and Events ensuring that there is something for everybody. Visit Chepstow Castle in summer or revel at the Galway Oyster Festival in Autumn, with regional listings and practical advice on local transport, hotel and restaurant options finding your

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ideal getaway is made simple. The perfect inspirational book for anyone planning a day-trip, a longer holiday or seeking out hidden gems on their doorstep.

This volume covers the final decade of British steam, looking at steam traction in a wide variety of geographical locations around the British Railways network. The book covers a wide variety of classes of locomotives, that were withdrawn during the last decade of steam traction, some of which examples are now preserved. Malcolm Clegg, has been taking railway pictures since the early 1960s and has access to collections taken by friends who were recording the steam railway scene during this period. This book is a record of his and other peoples journeys during the last decade of steam in the 1960s.

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Twelve Great British Railway Journeys

From Steam to Screen

Recollections of Naval Life by Capt. A. T. Mahan U.S.N.

Britain's Historic Ships

I Should Know That: Great Britain

British Steam Military Connections

In this engaging book, Jeremy Black argues that technology neither acts as an independent variable nor operates without major limitations. This includes its capacity to obtain end results, as technologys impact is far from simple and its pathways are by no means clear. After considering such key conceptual points, Black discusses important

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technological advances in weaponry and power projection from sailing warships to aircraft carriers, muskets to tanks, balloons to unmanned drones in each case, taking into account what difference these advances made. He addresses not only firepower but also power projection and technologies of logistics, command, and control. Examining military technologies in their historical context and the present centered on the Revolution in Military Affairs and Military Transformation, Black then forecasts possible future trends.

Winner of the Brewington Book Prize for

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Maritime History The story of the epic contest between shipping magnates Samuel Cunard and Edward Collins for mid-19th century control of the Atlantic. Between 1815 and the American Civil War, the greatest invention of the Industrial Revolution delivered a sea change in oceanic transportation. Steam travel transformed the Atlantic into a pulsating highway, dominated by ports in Liverpool and New York, as steamships ferried people, supplies, money, and information with astounding speed and regularity. American raw materials flowed eastward, while goods, capital, people, and

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technology crossed westward. The Anglo-American "partnership" fueled development worldwide; it also gave rise to a particularly intense competition. Steam Titans tells the story of a transatlantic fight to wrest control of the globe's most lucrative trade route. Two men--Samuel Cunard and Edward Knight Collins--and two nations wielded the tools of technology, finance, and politics to compete for control of a commercial lifeline that spanned the North Atlantic. The world watched carefully to see which would win. Each competitor sent to sea the fastest, biggest, and most elegant ships

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in the world, hoping to earn the distinction of being known as "the only way to cross." Historian William M. Fowler brings to life the spectacle of this generation-long struggle for supremacy, during which New York rose to take her place among the greatest ports and cities of the world, and recounts the tale of a competition that was the opening act in the drama of economic globalization, still unfolding today. What is often held to be Britain's 'finest hour' - the Second World War - was not experienced so uniformly across the British Isles. On the margins, the war was endured in

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profoundly different ways. While D-Day or Dunkirk is embedded in British collective memory, how many Britons can recall that Finns were interned on the Isle of Man, that enemy soldiers developed British infrastructure in Orkney, or that British subjects were sent to concentration camps from Guernsey? Such experiences, tangential to the dominant British war narrative, are commemorated elsewhere in the 'other British Isles'. In this remarkable contribution to British Island Studies, Daniel Travers pursues these histories and their commemoration across numerous local sites of

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memory: museums, heritage sites and public spaces. He examines the way these island identities assert their own distinctiveness over the British wartime story, and ultimately the way they fit into the ongoing discourse about how the memory of the Second World War has been constructed since 1945.

Cinema, the Railways and Modernity

The Last Days of British Steam

An Account of the Origin of Steam-boats, in Spain, Great Britain, and America

British Steam: Military Connections

A Global History of Amphibious and Airborne Warfare

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British Railways Steam 1948-1970

Reproduction of the original: From Sail to Steam, Recollections of Naval Life by Captain A. T. Mahan 'An ardent train buff and a first class journalist' Independent The British seaside was created by the railways - and the fortunes of Britain's seaside towns have almost always paralleled those of their railway lines. This account of travelling on the Great British Seaside Holiday is part social history, part documentary, part personal quest, and part nostalgic evocation of the trains to the sea. The book has a strong contemporary as well as

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historical feel, and contains much first-hand reporting to support the thesis that the decline of many of Britain's seaside towns today is linked to the decline or loss of their railway lines. No equivalent book to this has ever been written - Trains to the Sea is the definitive history of that great British institution, the outing to the seaside. We live in disruptive times. The world is changing faster than ever before, leaving people dazed, businesses struggling, economies floundering and societies fracturing. But why? Transition Point is the result of over five years of research to establish the

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answer; a breathtaking tale of freedom, unintended consequences and disruptive technologies that starts 1000 years ago and ends up in the second half of the 21st Century. Starting with an examination into the drivers of technological change and the social, economic and political factors that both enable or suppress it, Transition Point explains why industrialisation happened where and when it did, why progress comes in waves, and why the technologies in the current wave, such as robotics, blockchain and AI, are likely to be the most disruptive of all. It then addresses the million-dollar

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question: what ' s next? What impact will this wave have on our businesses, our economies and most importantly, on our society? Culey explores how our current trajectory could result in a new golden age, but also how it is just as likely to result in a digital dictatorship of compliance and constant surveillance. Finally, he explains why we may soon see Homo sapiens ' role as the dominant species come to an end. As Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum, stated; "We stand on the brink of a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and

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relate to one another. In its scale, scope, and complexity, the transformation will be unlike anything humankind has experienced before."

Transition Point explains why this is happening, what it means, and why the decisions we make now will prove to be critical.

Sixteen Excursions Into the Lost Delights of Britain's Railways

Navies of Europe

How Britain's Railways Won the War

Memory and Heritage in the Isle of Man, Orkney and the Channel Islands

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Britain and the Empire

Steam Titans

In Great Britain there existed a practice of naming steam locomotives. The names chosen covered many and varied subjects, however a large number of those represented direct links with military personnel, regiments, squadrons, naval vessels, aircraft, battles and associated historic events. For example, all but one member of the famous Royal Scot class were named in honor of British regiments. Also the Southern Railway created a Battle of Britain class of locomotives, which were named in recognition of Battle of Britain

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squadrons, airfields, aircraft and personnel. In addition, the Great Western Railway renamed some of its engines after Second World War aircraft. The tradition has continued into modern times as the newly built A1 class locomotive is named Tornado in recognition of the jet fighter aircraft of the same name. This generously illustrated publication highlights the relevant steam locomotives and additionally examines the origin of the military names.

This book looks at the transition of wooden sailing fleets to the modern steel navy. It details the technological breakthroughs that brought about this change - steampower, armour, artillery and torpedoes,

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and looks at their affect on naval strategy and tactics. Part of the ever-growing and prestigious Warfare and History series, this book is a must for enthusiasts of military history.

Europe ruled the waves for most of the modern era and even when its navies were eclipsed in size by the US force, they continued to dominate world wars. In this unique history of Europe's naval forces, Larry Sondhaus charts the development of naval warfare from the transition to steam to recent actions in the Persian Gulf. Combining detailed technical information with an in-depth comparison of warfare and tactics across some of the key conflicts of the modern world, this is

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an absorbing account of European and British seapower, past and present.

Everything You (and the Prime Minister) Really Should Know About GB

The Ocean Almanac

British Recollections, Normandy to Germany 1944-46

The Second World War and the 'Other British Isles'

A Snapshot of the 1960s

Felix - Die Bahnhofskatze

This accessible series for Key Stage 3 is directed at lower-attaining pupils and covers all core study units. Each book provides simple, uncluttered text, clear illustrations, and uncomplicated resources to interest and motivate students.

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Michael Williams has spent the past year travelling along the fascinating rail byways of Britain for this new collection of journeys. Here is the 'train to the end of the world' running for more than four splendid hours through lake, loch and moorland from Inverness to Wick, the most northerly town in Britain. He discovers a perfect country branch line in London's commuterland, and travels on one of the slowest services in the land along the shores of the lovely Dovey estuary to the far west of Wales. He takes the stopping train across the Pennines on a line with so few services that its glorious scenery is a secret known only to the regulars. Here, too, is the Bittern Line in Norfolk and the Tarka Line in North Devon as well as the little branch line to the fishing port of Looe in Cornwall, rescued from closure in the 1960s and now

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celebrating its 150th anniversary taking families on holiday to the seaside. From the most luxurious and historic - aboard the Orient Express - to the most futuristic - on the driverless trains of London's Docklands Light Railway - here is a unique travel companion celebrating the treasures of our railway heritage from one of Britain's most knowledgeable railway writers.

Robert B.

The Steamship

(from 1603)

LNER Steam Locomotives & Tornado

The Great Britain Steam Ship. Extracts from the Letters of Capt. Claxton to I. K. Brunel and the Directors of the Great Western Steam Ship Company, Giving a Detailed Account of

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the Manner in which the Great Britain was Protected Through the Winter of 1847 and Afterwards Released from Dundrum Bay. With a Report from the Chairman to the Shareholders, and Copies of Documents Relating to the Breakwater On The Slow Train

Britain & the Empire 1867-1945 a History for Schools

Railway sleuth Les Summers unravels the politics and policies that led to the abandonment of steam traction under British Railways. In this fascinating account, he examines the twilight of steam in the era that shaped the future of our railways.

The British Isles have a long, rich and celebrated seafaring history stretching from the earliest times

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through the victories of Drake and Nelson, the voyages of discovery of Cabot and Cook and the defence of the realm by vessels of all types in the present century. Much of this history is recorded in literature and in museums but reaches its most tangible form in the large number of historical ships that have been preserved and are continually restored as monuments to a proud past. This lavish book explores 20 of the most celebrated and accessible ships and offers a comprehensive history of each vessel's design, construction, active service and subsequent restoration and preservation. Presented in order of each ship's launch date, each

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entry is written by the acknowledged expert on a particular vessel, gives full specification details and is sumptuously illustrated with contemporary photographs, historical illustrations and a full set of scale plans. In addition to the featured entries, an appendix presents all of the necessary contact details and opening times where applicable. The appendix also lists (and provides details for) other vessels of historical importance including a small number of working replicas such as the Matthew and the recently commissioned eighteenth-century frigate The Grand Turk, featured in the recent Hornblower television series. Principal vessels

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include: Mary Rose, HMS Victory, HMS Trincomalee, SS Great Britain, Cutty Sark, RRS Discovery, HMS Warrior, HMS Belfast, HMY Britannia, HMS Alliance, HMS Cavalier, Gypsy Moth IV and HMS Plymouth. The Victorian era has dominated the popular imagination like no other period, but these myths and stories also give a very distorted view of the 19th century. The early Victorians were much stranger than we usually imagine, and their world would have felt very different from our own and it was only during the long reign of the Queen that a modern society emerged in unexpected ways. Using character portraits, events, and key moments

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Paterson brings the real life of Victorian Britain alive - from the lifestyles of the aristocrats to the lowest ranks of the London slums. This includes the right way to use a fan, why morning visits were conducted in the afternoon, what the Victorian family ate and how they enjoyed their free time, as well as the Victorian legacy today - convenience food, coffee bars, window shopping, mass media, and celebrity culture. Praise for Dicken's London: Out of the babble of voices, Michael Paterson has been able to extract the essence of London itself. Read this book and re-enter the labyrinth of a now-ancient city.'
Peter Ackroyd

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Combined Operations

Military Connections

The Commercial and Financial Chronicle

Where To Go When: Great Britain & Ireland

From Sail to Steam

Steam Trains and Jigsaw Puzzles

This British Railways history explores the long-held tradition of naming steam locomotives in honor of the military. The naming of steam locomotives was a beloved British tradition since the first railway locomotives appeared in 1804. Many of the names were chosen in honor of military personnel, regiments, squadrons, naval

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vessels, aircraft, battles and associated historic events. This volume looks specifically at the steam locomotives with military-inspired names that were built by the London & North Eastern Railway, which joined the British Railways stock in 1948. A large number of the company's Jubilee class locomotives were given names with a military connection, as were a small number of Black Five class engines. Famously the majority of the much-admired Royal Scot class of engines carried names associated with the military in general and regimental names in particular. Many of the nameplates were adorned with ornate crests and badges. Long after the demise of

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mainline steam, rescued nameplates have become prized collectors' items. This generously illustrated publication highlights the relevant steam locomotives and explains the origins and social history surrounding their military names.

This compelling book provides the first global history of the evolution of combined operations since Antiquity. Beginning with amphibious warfare in the ancient world of the Romans, Vikings, and Mongols, Jeremy Black advances through the Gunpowder Revolution, the rise of maritime empires and the formation of nation-states, the early Industrial Revolution and the adaptation of modern

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technology to warfare, the twentieth-century world wars, the Cold War, and concluding with the modern age of irregular and asymmetric conflict. Black's informed and analytical narrative emphasizes conflicts around the world, focusing not only on leading powers but also regional combatants. His case studies include amphibious operations in the Mongol invasions of Japan, the War for American Independence, and the Gallipoli campaign of World War I. He also explores the development and effectiveness of airborne operations as a way to project military power inland. Offering a balanced assessment of strategic, operational, and technical developments over

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time, Black considers both the potential and limitations of amphibious and airborne warfare—past, present, and future.

A richly observed and researched personal history of the bygone age of Britain's railways. SOMETIMES you come across a lofty railway viaduct, marooned in the middle of a remote country landscape. Or a crumbling platform from some once-bustling junction buried under the buddleia. If you are lucky you might be able to follow some rusting tracks, or explore an old tunnel leading to...well, who knows where? Listen hard. Is that the wind in the undergrowth? Or the spectre of a train from a golden era

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