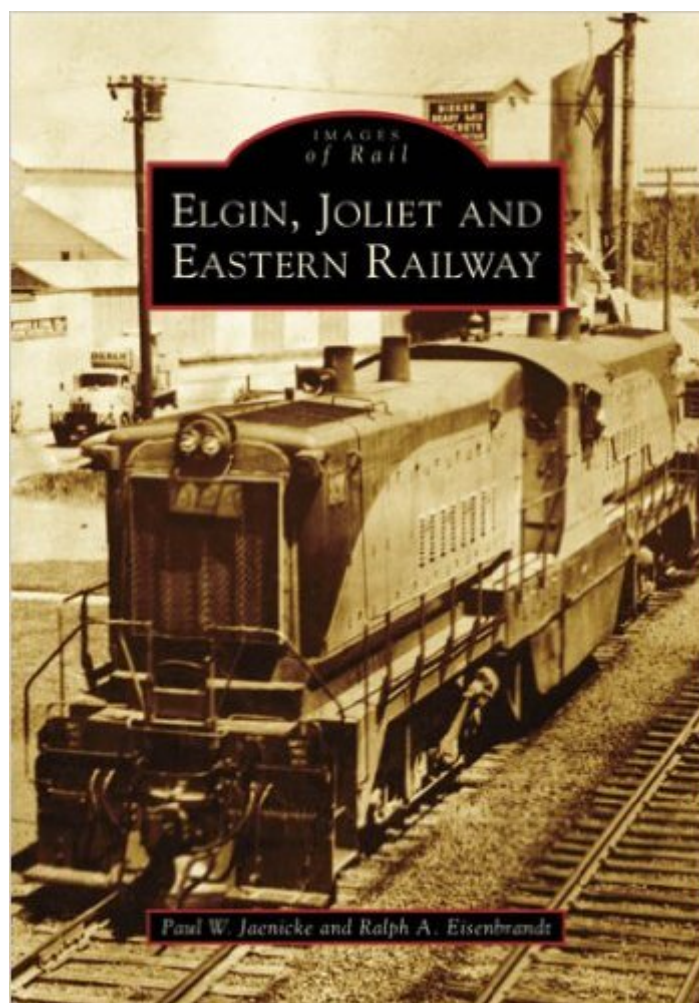


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In 1884, the Joliet, Aurora and Northern Railroad was formed to connect the growing industrial cities of Joliet and Aurora. This system evolved into the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. By 1893, it encircled Chicago from Waukegan, via Joliet, to Porter, Indiana. The railroad developed into a prosperous subsidiary of U.S. Steel at the beginning of the 20th century. It primarily served the steel mills and facilities of its parent company and as a bridge route between the many Chicago railroads it crossed. It has also been an industry innovator. It was one of the first Class 1 railroads to completely convert to diesel locomotive power in 1949 and the first in the world to install an automatic, electrically operated car retarder yard in 1952. Today it is the same prosperous railroad it was over 120 years ago, serving the rail transportation needs of its online customers and as an even more important bridge route for the region's railroads.

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a new fan of the EJ&E, that isn't saying too much. I know Arcadia doesn't seem to like anything but black & white images in their books, but with the bright green & orange color scheme of "The J", I think they should have added at least a 4-8 page section of color images. If you're a big fan of The J, you can't really go that wrong for \$20, but you will most likely feel it could have been done better. If you're just a casual follow of railroads, I fear this book won't help bring the J's glory to full light. I'm sure the authors put their all into this book, so I don't want to disparage them, but this book just doesn't feel complete and I can't help thinking it was on account of a lack of cheap or free pictures.

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