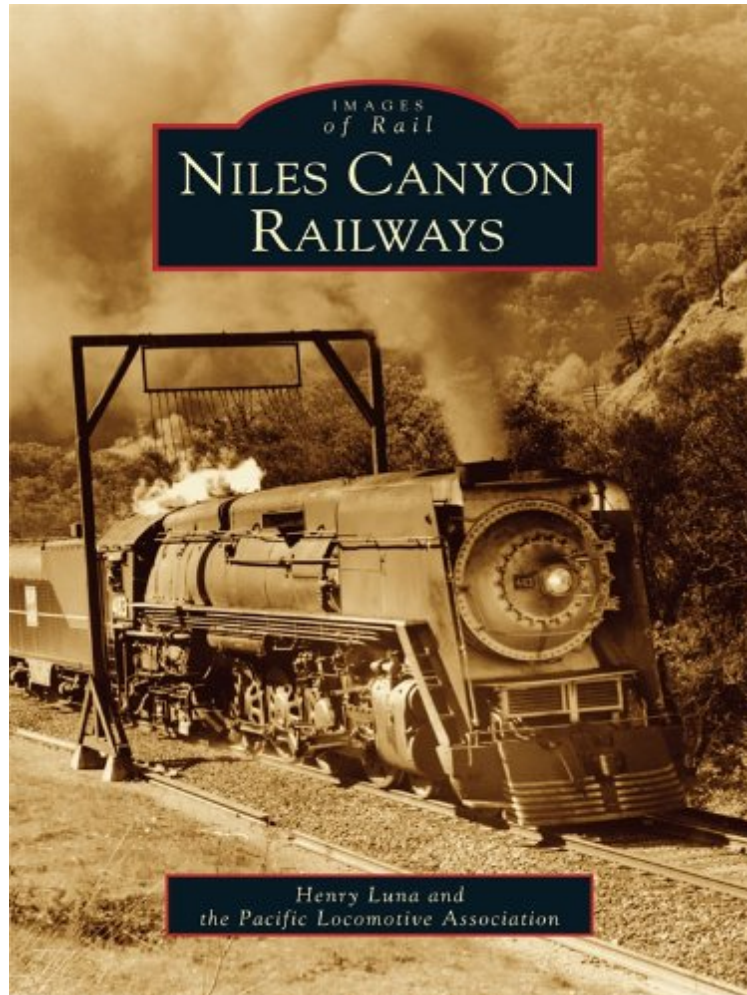


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not my cup of tea. By OZ Has Spoken! Unless you want to read about current rail history groups and organizations, this is not the book for you. I was expecting a book that could explain the development of the railways in the Niles and Niles Canyon area. Only minimal reference and historical development are included. Operational history of the railroads is nearly absent. This is a good book for those interested in rail preservation and current Niles Canyon area railfan projects. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Niles Canyon Resident Review By Ira Grossman I am the 2nd person to review this book and, coincidentally, I live in Niles Canyon in Eastern Fremont, right next to the original mainline trackage of the Western Pacific Railroad. First of all, I want to mention that the author got the year of the Western Pacific's merger with the Union Pacific wrong. On page 2, the author wrote that the merger took place in 1981. It actually happened between 1982 and 1983. I want to

forgive the author for making this factual error because nobody is perfect and everyone including myself make a lot of mistakes. I am giving this book five stars because of its excellent selection of photographs, some of which were taken just a few miles from where I live today. My favorite photo is of Western Pacific F7 diesel #918, one of four that passed by my house several years ago, and was used to pull the very popular Christmas "Train of Lights" back to Sunol in December 2007.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brought back a lot of memoriesBy Mark A. SpencerAs a kid, my family used to travel between Centerville and Modesto to visit Grandma in the early 50's. This book was a real memory jogger for me, and answered a lot of questions I didn't even know I had when I was a pre-schooler.

All aboard for this photographic journey through the unique railroad history of Niles Canyon, near the city of Fremont. The melodic wail of the steam whistle first echoed off these canyon walls in 1866 when the Western Pacific Railroad laid track into Niles as part of a planned route from San Jose to Sacramento. That was three years before the transcontinental route from Sacramento to Omaha was completed in May 1869. Four months after the driving of the Golden Spike that joined the eastern and western United States by rail, the connecting route from Sacramento to Oakland through Niles Canyon was finished--the very last leg of a rail route that truly joined the Atlantic to the Pacific waters for the first time.

About the AuthorThe association has gathered over 200 images and provides learned commentary to document the canyon's historic railways, the famous bandits and silent-era movie stars who once roamed there, and the unusual assortment of trains that makes up the present Niles Canyon Railway.