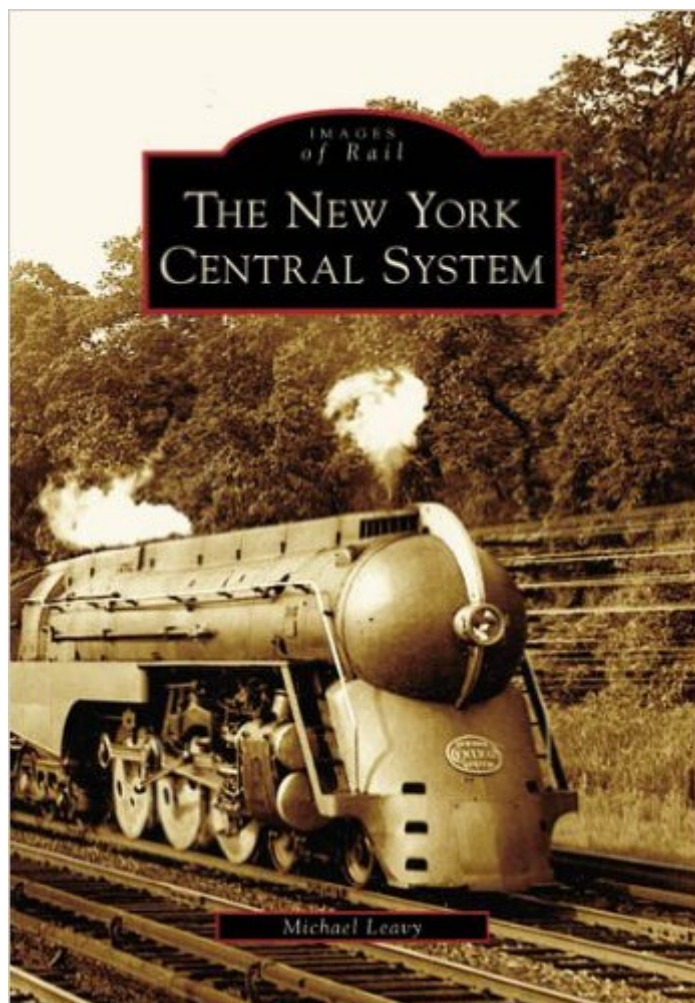


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# The New York Central System (NY) (Images Of Rail)



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A full generation has passed since a New York Central emblem dashed across the countryside on a railroad car, but few could ever forget "the greatest railroad in the world." The New York Central System grew from an amalgamation of smaller lines stretching from Albany to Buffalo in the 1830s. Twenty years later, the lines were gathered into a single company. Its phenomenal success did not go unnoticed by Cornelius "the Commodore" Vanderbilt. In his late sixties, when most men retire, he methodically started acquiring railroads in the New York City and Hudson River region. He then acquired the New York Central and merged it with his Hudson River Railroad. The Commodore and his son William, the foremost rail barons of their age, forged ahead with one of the most dynamic future-directed endeavors in the world—a railroad empire that traversed 11 states and 2 Canadian provinces.

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I've been waiting for this addition to the Images of Rail series for some time, and I was not disappointed with the book. Of course, this book is out some 40 years after the Central ceased to exist and the core audience is not the hard-core NYC fan. That being noted, I enjoyed the story Mr. Leavy told, and I was very impressed with the photo selection. There are some great station interior shots, a lot of NYC employee images, and of course, plenty of streamlined steamers (I think he could have dropped a few of those in favor of a few other locomotive types). All things considered, he satisfied me as a New York Central fan, and distilled the railroad's heritage to a reader-friendly

format for a new generation of historians or hobbyists.

This was a gift to a very 'died in the wool' train person, who grew up in New York State - - so it was greatly appreciated.

This is a great book with excellent pictures and concise, informative narratives. A must add to any railroad enthusiast's library. Pricing by vendor makes this a great bargain.

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