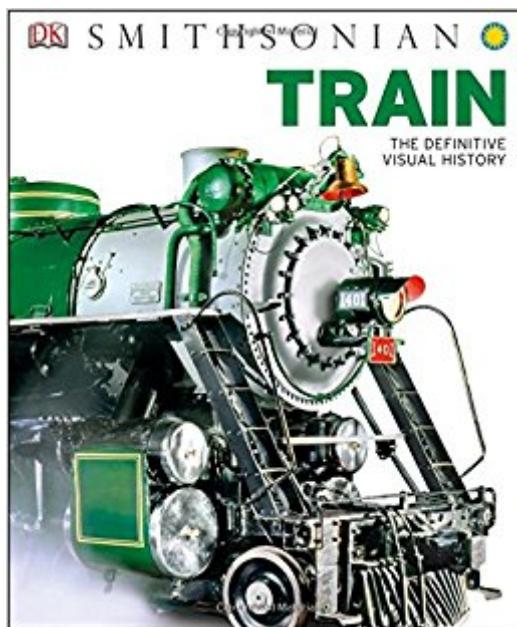


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# Train: The Definitive Visual History (Dk Smithsonian)



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Featuring amazing images of trains, virtual tours of engines, and profiles of key innovators, designers, and engineers, Train: The Definitive Visual History traces the history of the railroad and the role of trains, from the first steam engines to today's high speed bullet trains. Comprehensive catalogs feature the most important trains from each period, exploring in detail iconic trains such as the Fairy Queen, Orient Express, and Javelin, and follows the development of trains from early steam to Diesel engines and modern electronic locomotives. Beautiful photographs and detailed maps explore some of the world's most impressive rail routes from South Africa to Siberia, including the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the trans-Siberian Railway, and the high-speed Japanese Tokaido Shinkansen line. Includes 2 exclusive prints.

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My husband and I fell in love with DK (especially the Smithsonian line) during a trip to the Smithsonian museums. The books are filled with an immense amount of information which is presented in a fascinating, readable way. Of course the author couldn't include absolutely every single detail about the subject at hand, but they still did a wonderful job. The photos are gorgeous and a perfect complement to the information being presented. The books themselves have sturdy binding and stout construction.

I bought this for my son who buys more and more train sets for his young son. He loves the book. It does say that it contains two collectible posters inside but we looked and looked and could not find them. Finally, after going through each page I looked inside the back hard cover. The posters were slipped inside there. Lovely posters. We had them framed with a red mount for my sons bedroom and they really look great!

We bought this for our 2.5 year old who LOVES trains. He already knew a lot about different kinds of trains so we didn't want to get him something too simple. He adores this book. We will look at it for 30 minutes or more sometimes, reading every detail about each different train. When it was made, how fast it can go, where it is, what makes it special. He can identify some of the most important trains in train history now and can tell you about them. He's now over 3yo and still picks that big book out at least once every two weeks to geek out. We love it!

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We love this book! It's huge and detailed and has tons of great information! Great for a train fanatic!

The perfect book for a train aficionado, whether young or old! I purchased it as a birthday gift for my mom's "significant other," a former educator who has read a lot of books and magazines about trains, and he just can't stop raving about how wonderful this book is.

I bought this for a friend's boy who loves trains and it was a smashing success. :)

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