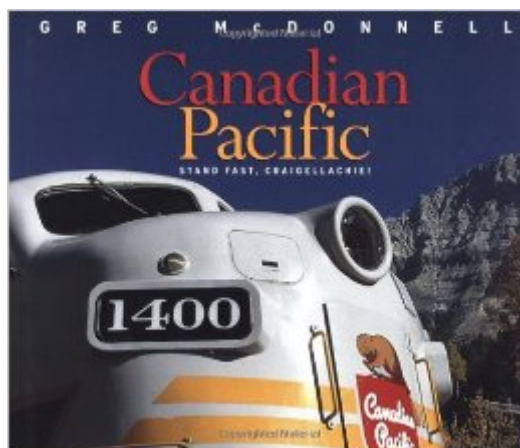


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# Canadian Pacific: Stand Fast, Craigellachie!



## Synopsis

A tribute to one of North America's oldest still running railway companies. This landmark tribute to the Canadian Pacific Railway features the work of many of North America's top rail photographers. Remarkable photography and essays cover the entire CPR system, from the east coast to the west coast including Nova Scotia's Dominion Atlantic lines and Vancouver Island's Esquimalt & Nanaimo. Some of the best steam and diesel photographs ever published appear here along with 1950s-vintage photos of steeple-cab electrics and passenger trains on the Electric Lines subsidiaries: the Grand River Railway and the Lake Erie & Northern. Canadian Pacific Railway captures the pleasure of lingering in wood-frame stations where time was marked to the beat of a Seth Thomas clock, the stainless-steel glamor of the Canadian, the gritty drama of SD40s grinding up mountain grades, and the loneliness of the prairie.

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## Customer Reviews

Canadian Pacific is one of those legendary names in transportation, a company with an impressive history, which, at the height of its influence billed itself "The World's Greatest Travel System".

Prolific author Greg McDonnell delivers a tasteful tribute to this historic company that, in an era of bland mega-railroads, has not been afraid to celebrate its employees and its history. The "Craigellachie" in the book's title refers to the location where, in 1885, CPR official Donald Smith drove the ceremonial last spike that symbolically uniting eastern and western Canada. The name came from a place in Scotland that had historical significance to Mr. Smith and his cousin, then-CPR president George Stephen. It might help to say what this book is not: it's not a

comprehensive history of the entire Canadian Pacific Railway, although the volume contains historical content including many excellent photos from the post WW2 era. Nor, despite the title of the first chapter, is it an overview of the entire Travel System, as the ships, airline and hotels are only briefly mentioned. Rather, the book is a salute to a company that has survived for over 120 years, adapting to the changing transportation market while remaining conscious of its heritage. In fact, CPR is one of only two "class 1" North American railway systems to have an active steam program. The book is divided into seven major chapters. Before Chapter 1 there is a brief Foreword by CP's President and CEO Robert Ritchie, a Preface by CPR employee Stan Small and the author's dedications. Chapter 1 starts with some autobiographical recollections by the author, with first person recollections of the decline and fall of CP passenger service and the revival of same in the form of the Royal Canadian Pacific.

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