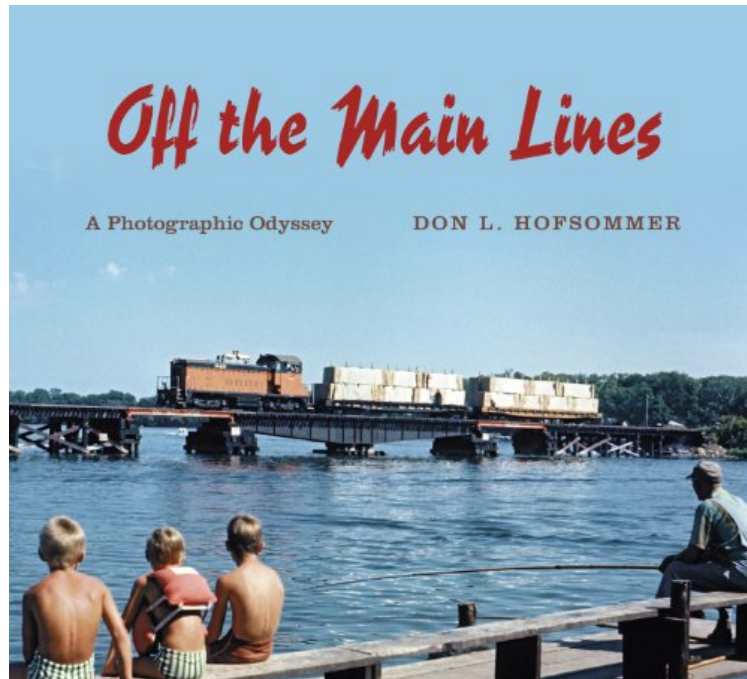


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Schöne Photos aus dem indischen Amerika Von M. Schtz Wer schne SW-Photos aus dem Amerika der Kleinstädte in den 60-er und 70-er Jahren sucht, ist mit diesem Buch gut bedient. Der Autor hat die Photos in der Reihenfolge der geographischen Stationen seines Lebens geordnet, wie allgemein blich in den USA sind dies sehr viele. Schwerpunkt des Buches ist Iowa, das einst das dichteste Bahnnetz der USA besass. Aber auch Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas und Colorado werden behandelt. Der Schwerpunkt liegt zeitbedingt auf der Dieseltraktion, sehr schön und interessant sind die Photos der frühen Dieseltriebwagen ! Jedes Kapitel hat eine kurze Zusammenfassung der historischen Entwicklung am jeweiligen Ort als Einleitung, dann folgen die Photos mit sehr kenntnisreichen Erläuterungen. Sehr empfehlenswert !

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