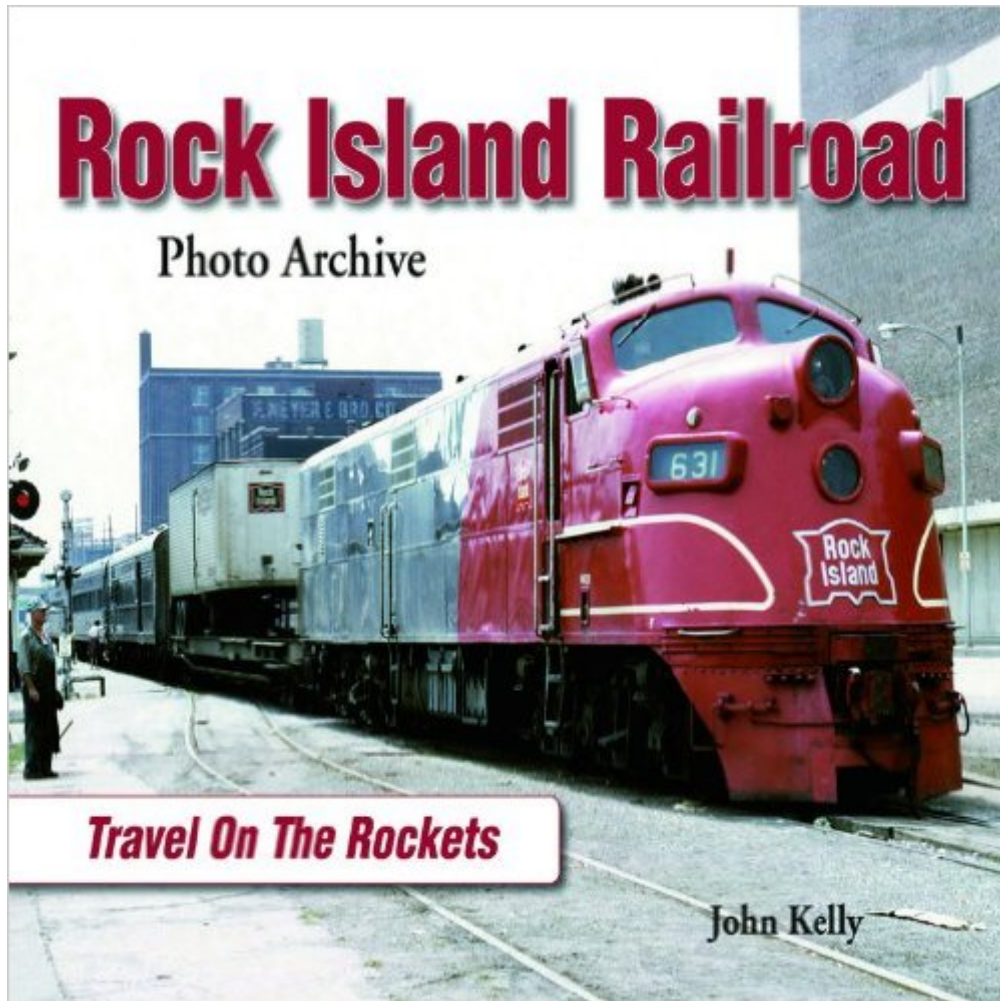


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# Rock Island Railroad: Travel On The Rockets (Photo Archives)



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The popular Rock Island Railroad stretched from Chicago to Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas with passenger and freight service, and included the Peoria Rocket, Des Moines Rocket, Quad City Rocket, Texas Rocket, Kansas City Rocket, Twin Star Rocket, Zephyr-Rocket, Rocky Mountain Rocket, the flagship Golden State between Chicago and Los Angeles, and suburban commuter service in Chicago. Included are system map, timetables, travel brochures and full-color section of Rock Island depots and stations.

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This is a great book It shows very well how the Rock Island went into a downward spiral that eventually led to its demise through the photos of the equipment and how decrepit it became. The beautiful diesels and passenger cars show the results of "deferred" maintenance and how the depots today are often sitting with no tracks in sight to even remind us that the CRI&P was ever there. This road had luxurious streamliners at one time. In the end, it had two trains mostly within Illinois, and commuter lines. The photos are unique and tell it all..

Just what fans of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will love. Great black & white, and color photos of the Rock providing passenger service, the various steam and diesel locomotives, and passenger

rolling stock. A MUST HAVE!

Good book, with nice pictures. Don't be fooled, it is not a complete history. It does cover passenger trains reasonably well. For instance, the Golden Rocket in partnership with Southern Pacific was stillborn. The cars were divided and ran on their parent railroads without the red and stainless paint scheme as part of whatever consist they made up, but not as the CRIP-SP Golden Rocket. There are a number of good, clear pictures and I feel it to be well worth the price. The foreword/ history by the author was especially appropriate.

This is a really good book for your Rock Island library. The book has really good pictures of stations and trains. I model the Rock Island in the earlier years, but if you like the Rock in its final years then you will enjoy this book. Great value.

Very nice book. I have given it to a friend that was a former Rock Island employee.

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