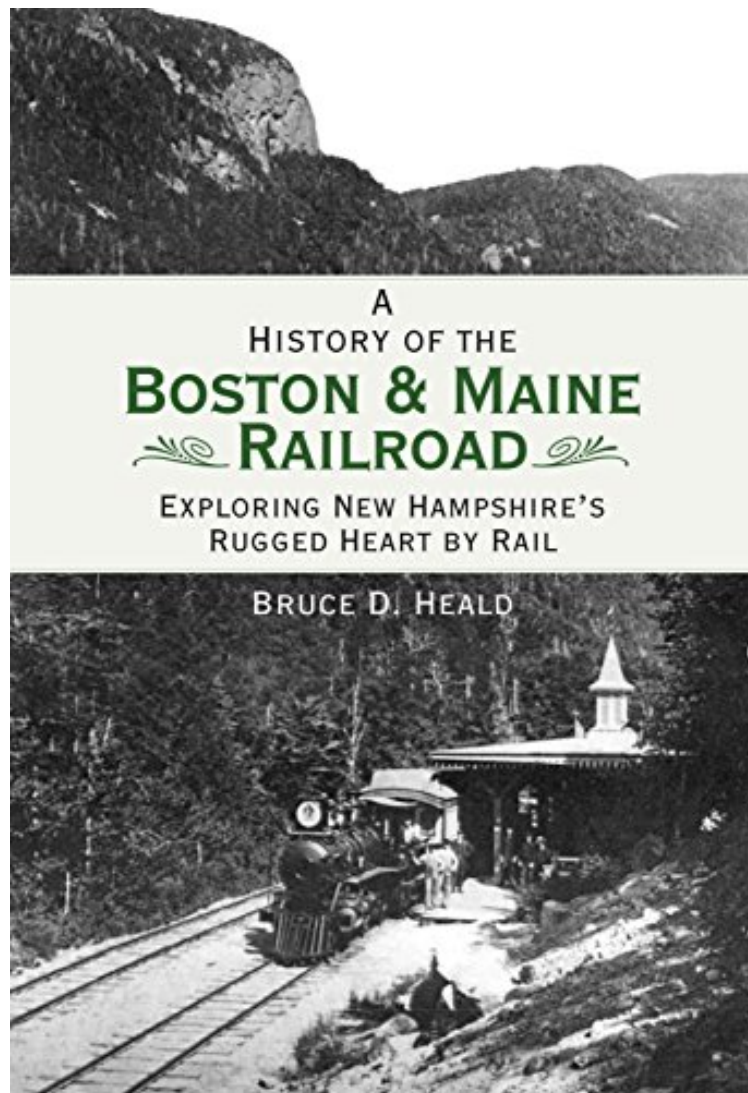


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derailed the engine which overturned killing one person. In 1967, a descending train climbed over an improperly placed section of track, the engine fell off the track and the coach careened down the track for about 500 feet and fell over killing 8 people, 3 of which were children. Two were husband and wife from Dover, N.H. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. "A"...History of the Boston Maine Railroad By The Rail Historian Attractively formatted, well organized and containing crisp BW images, *A History of the Boston Maine Railroad (Exploring New Hampshire's Rugged Heart by Rail)* is unfortunately somewhat less than its title promises. While author Dr. Bruce Heald has created an organized presentation of disparate information, photographs and anecdotes from the Boston Maine Railroad Historical Society archives, these tantalizing threads fail to weave a cohesive historical tapestry of an otherwise unique New England railroad. Beyond a brief overview of well known 19th century political and corporate amalgamations that forged the Boston Maine System, readers may find interest in (unfortunately incomplete) chapters on New Hampshire's logging railroads and a first-hand employee account of operating the BM Snow Trains in the 1930s and 1940s. The balance of material, organized by route, offers little more than a narrative describing town-to-town pastoral topography and non-railroad social and historical highlights that appear to have been extracted from BM travel guides of the 19th Century. Those new to the BM and New Hampshire region may find the work an interesting introduction, however, those expecting a connected history of the facilities, train services and accomplishments of the Boston Maine Railroad to the New Hampshire countryside should look elsewhere.

On June 27, 1835, New Hampshire chartered the Boston Maine Railroad, and a juggernaut was born. By 1900, the BM operated some 2,300 miles of track in northern New England, having taken over an astonishing forty-seven different railroads since its inception. The BM loomed particularly large in the Granite State, where it controlled 96 percent of all tracks and was the primary conveyance through the rugged heart of New England's most formidable mountain range. From the gravity-defying Mount Washington Cog Railway to logging transport trains to the famous Depression-era Snow Train, *A History of the Boston Maine Railroad* traces the fascinating history of New England's most renowned railway.

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