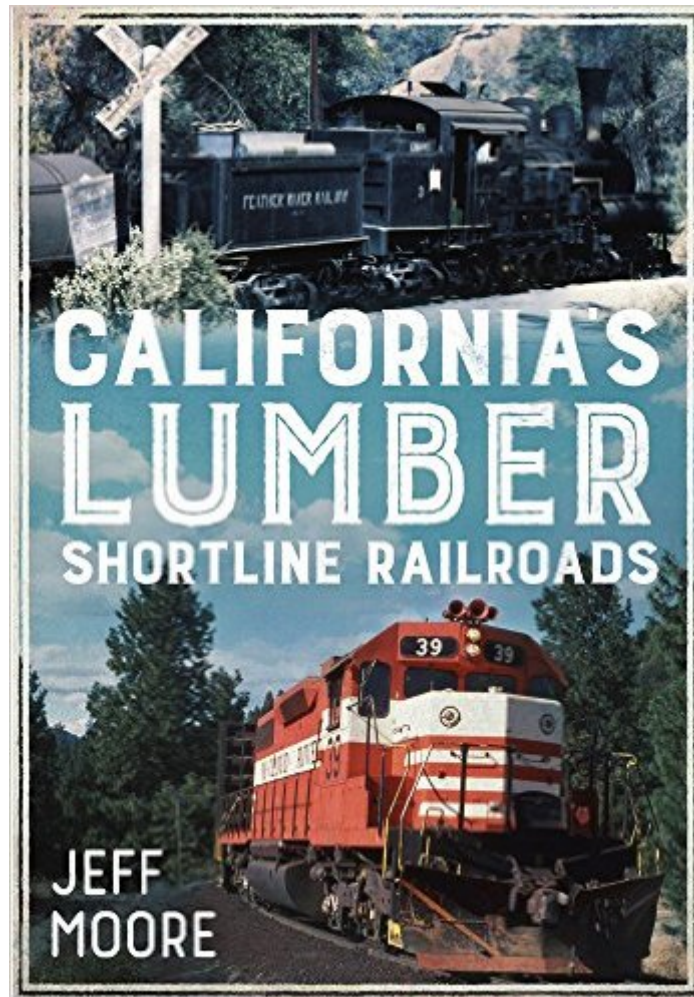


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## Synopsis

California's sawmill and railroad industries grew up together, each at least partially depending upon the other for survival. However, not all of the Golden State's sawmills lay upon the routes of mainline railroads, resulting in the development of a number of shortline railroads connecting remote sawmills with the nation's rail network. In addition to serving the lumber industry, these shortlines often became economic lifelines to other industries in rural parts of the state. Many of these railroads also carried passengers, either as part of their common carrier service in the early years and/or as tourists in recent decades. This book seeks to tell the stories of and relate the important historical roles these small carriers played, long lasting companies such as the Almanor, Amador Central, Arcata & Mad River, California Western, Camino Placerville & Lake Tahoe, McCloud River, Quincy, Sierra, and Yreka Western, along with younger start-ups such as the Eureka Southern, North Coast, Great Western, Modoc Northern, Lake County, Lake Railway, and others.

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## Customer Reviews

A very quick review. Well printed book, nicely done softbound about 6.75" x 9.75" with 176 glossy pages. It has a multitude of black & white and color pictures (mainly color images); small maps showing location of the railroad, and all of the book is nicely printed and bound. The book consists of "pocket biographies" of each of about twelve major shortlines, and a chapter on other smaller lines. All the various changes in name and ownership are covered, for example, the changes in the former

Southern Pacific's Lakeview Branch as the independent Great Western / Lake County / Modoc Northern / Lake Railway, etc. I haven't read it fully yet, but so far, it all seems legit, and it's nice to see the various roads updated like the Yreka Western, McCloud River, and Sierra Railroad. Anyone who likes these types of railroads will probably enjoy this book as well. Well worth the price.

Nice overview of many California railroads.

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