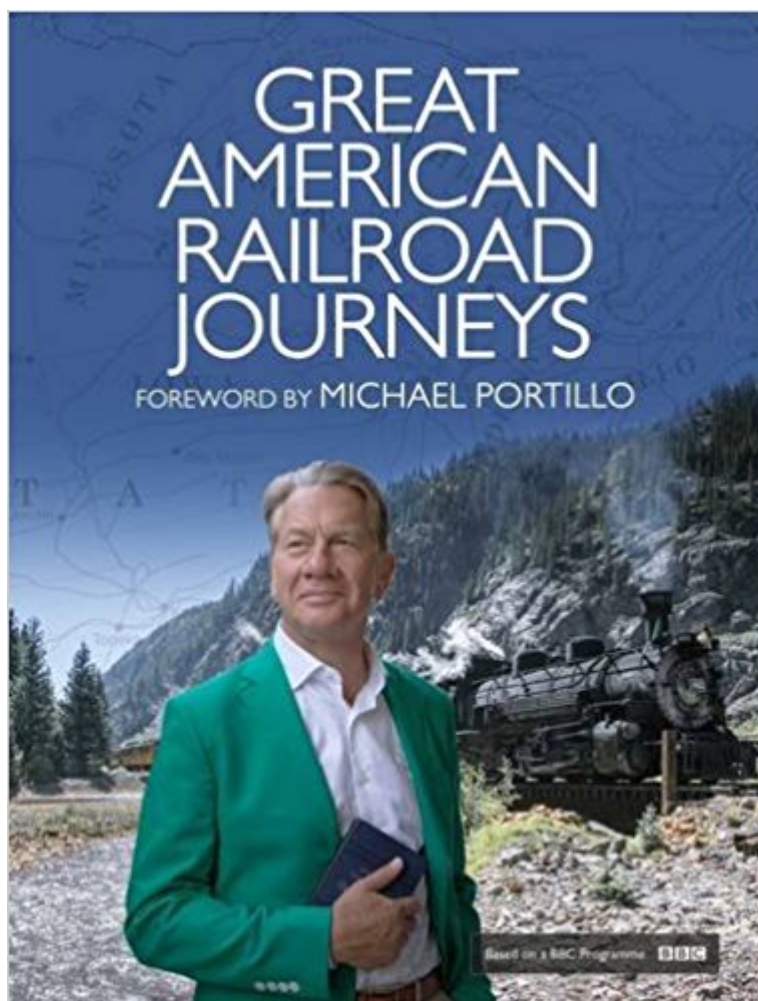


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# Great American Railroad Journeys



## Synopsis

Michael Portillo can be seen on screens on his second railway journey across the United States. His first took in historic East Coast sites, but these new travels are broader in scope, from the cities of the Atlantic coast to vibrant San Francisco, via Chicago, Colorado, New Mexico, and the Deep South. His route is informed by the 19th-century Appleton's guidebooks, but if you'd like something a little more up-to-date, pick up *Great American Railroad Journeys* and follow in Portillo's train tracks.

Radio Times This official, lavishly illustrated BBC-produced tie-in to the *Great American Railway Journeys* series soon to air on PBS captures Michael Portillo's epic journey across the United States. Michael Portillo embarks by train on an epic journey from New York and Boston to the deep south of Atlanta and New Orleans, and then on to Chicago, Colorado, New Mexico, and ultimately San Francisco. Truly a colorful and exciting collection of essays and vignettes that celebrate the rich history and expansion of nineteenth-century North America, *Great American Railway Journeys* is a must-have purchase for any armchair traveler and fans of nineteenth-century US history.

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Michael Portillo was an member of Parliament for nearly twenty years and held three ministerial positions in the cabinet. He now has a regular weekly television show about politics, and has made documentaries on a range of subjects, including *Great British Railway Journeys* and *The Secret State*.

Very enjoyable, I have read it three times..

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We just love Michael Portillo and his shows - this book is a great companion to the series!!

Public library book. Not purchased. Very good book, but somewhat confusing as to title and subject matter. It is more of a comprehensive history of early American railroading, as opposed to descriptions of great American railroad journeys. I was expecting the latter, but I did like the book nonetheless. Very well written and quite interesting. Lots of information I already knew, but I am a retired US history teacher, which would explain that fact. For those who may not have my foundational knowledge, this book would be excellent, and I still did enjoy it immensely. Great background info on the men who built the railroads. They weren't entirely altruistic. Imagine that. They actually make many 21st century businessmen almost look like saints. But this was an era of laissez faire! If railroads and American history interest you, this book is on track.

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