



Synopsis

A newly discovered cache of magnificent historical photographs. There have been, and will be, other books on the New York City subway system, but none have had access to the wonderful photographic prints from the collections of the New York Transit Museum that are presented in this volume. Made from 8 x 10-inch glass negatives after the turn of the last century, and reproduced here in glorious duotone, over 175 images show the incredible construction techniques and details involved in creating the underground marvel we enjoy today. From "cut and cover" and deep tunneling to sinking under-river tubes and disastrous cave-ins, these photographs are nothing short of awe-inspiring. The book is accompanied by an engaging, illustrated history of the subway system. Published in honor of the New York City subway's centennial, *The City Beneath Us* will fascinate anyone who's ever been amazed by the gigantic undertaking that is New York City transportation. 175 duotone and 40 black-and-white photographs.

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Customer Reviews

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As someone who worked on the Subway I really enjoyed the book and couldnot put it down until i finished it. I worked all over on the system and, under therivers and, it's great to know what went into building this amazingtransportation system. I recommened it's reading to anyone who has

everrode the NYC Subway.

The City Beneath Us is a superb collection of photos weighed down by a less-than-stellar text. The text reads like it was assembled by a committee, with each committee member writing a chapter. A more thorough editing could have smoothed the transitions and given the book a more unified feel. Though, the contributing writers are unified in one thing -- they are sure of who the New York subway's enemies were throughout the years. This strident finger-pointing also detracts. But then there are the pictures. Nearly all is forgiven in the face of these wonderful images. If you get geeked by trains or things underground, this is a great, if flawed, book.

I bought this as a present for my brother who is in charge of a main subway line in a big city. He totally loved it.

While I am not a New York resident, I have family there and visit often. I have routinely been amazed by the subway system that we ride while visiting so my family purchased this as a birthday gift. I found the narrative and pictures absolutely fascinating and believe it is a book that I will routinely reference and review rather than a one-time-read!

The early work of building the NYC subway system was crude, dirty, and dangerous. The gorgeously illustrated book is perfect if you like history, or are fascinated by places that are "off-limits".

I love the NYC subway system and when I saw this book decided to buy it immediately. Great story on how the system was built and awesome photographs.

Enjoyed the unique pictures and history!

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