

Railroad travel in the nineteenth century was often dangerous, dirty, uncomfortable, and uncertain. Yet at the same time, most of the inventions associated with the luxury of a later era--from sleeping cars and dining cars to streamlining and even an early form of air conditioning--had already made their appearance by the time of the Civil War. In *The Railroad Passenger Car* August Mencken offers a fascinating look at the achievements and contradictions of this key period in railroad history. Drawing on a wide assortment of materials--including a wealth of drawings from the U.S. Patent Office, first-hand accounts of contemporary passengers, and his own experience as a young civil engineer active in railroad construction--Mencken presents the roster of cars in which nineteenth-century travelers rode and suffered. Here are the weird and ingenious inventions designed to increase both the passengers comfort and the owners revenue; and here are the passengers own comments, both angry and humorous--thirty-five accounts written by passengers from 1831 to 1891 and bearing such titles as *An Inhuman Conductor*, *The Baggage Smashers of Omaha*, and *Cows on the West Chester Line*. Published in 1957 and long out of print, *The Railroad Passenger Car* supplies a detailed and highly entertaining narrative richly illustrated with working drawings, cutaway images, and early photographs. New to this edition is an introduction by Courtney B. Wilson, executive director of the B& O Railroad Museum in Baltimore.

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