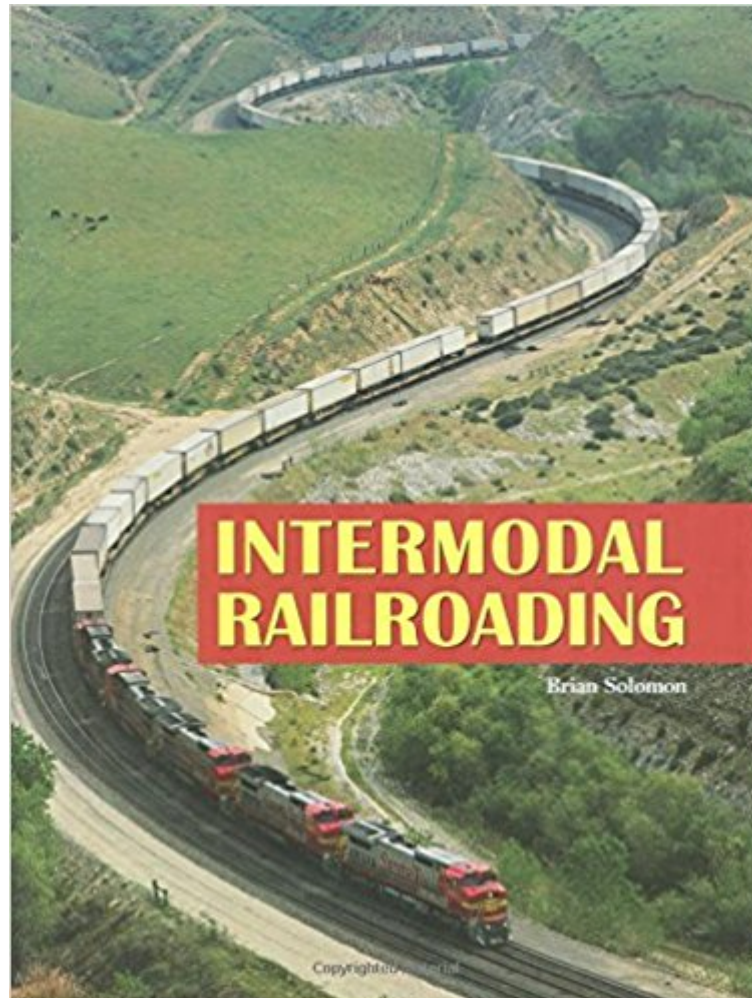# Intermodal Railroading

Synopsis

This richly illustrated history chronicles one of the most revolutionary developments in freight railroading during the twentieth century: intermodal shipping, or the use of containers to move cargo between trains, trucks, and oceangoing vessels. It was a development that transformed the movement of freight around the world, with an almost incalculable impact on American industry. Â Intermodal railroading in North America begins tentatively, with attempts at piggybacking in the 1930s, before moving on to more serious developments in the period from World War II through the 1960s, notably by Canadian Pacific and the New Haven and Southern Pacific railroads. After looking at early intermodal technology and traffic, particularly the formation of pioneering equipment manufacturer and provider TTX, author Brian Solomon turns to the contemporary period. His account of mighty changes in North American shipping ranges from the implications of deregulation and various railroad mergers, to the emergence of partnerships between railroads and trucking and shipping firms. In addition to railroads like Conrail, BNSF, and CSX, this comprehensive history features trucking, freight delivery, and forwarding firms such as J. B. Hunt, Â Sea-Land, Maersk, and K-Line. It also considers the importance of specialized modern rolling stock, motive power, loading equipment, and intermodal hubs including South Kearney, Seattle, Long Beach, Oakland, and Houston.

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This books is an excellent pictorial and written history of the growth of intermodalism by US railroads. The book contains numerous photos with great captions to really show what the writer is discussing in the book. The book gives excellent history of obscurities such as NYC's Flexi-van service, Roadrailers, and the like. The book is thorough and easy to read. I suggest this book for any rail enthusient, especially those who follow modern topics of TOFC, COFC, Double Stacks, and the like.

Very informative, Great pictures and very easy to follow and written and presented by one of the top authors on North American Railways.

Very Good Book, very informative, not as many pictures as I would like to see, I would have love to seen more "Trucking", but of course the book is "Intermodal Railroading". Covers TOFC,COFC,Flexi-Van,Maersk,Sea-Land, APL,Thrall,Gunderson, Motive Power, Lots of history, relies and repeats information from Cudahy's Box ships book and The book: "The Box" both good sources as well, Let's hope MBI/Brian could do a Intermodal Trucking Book covering Container Truckers Pulling Ocean "cans" and Rail Cans.

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