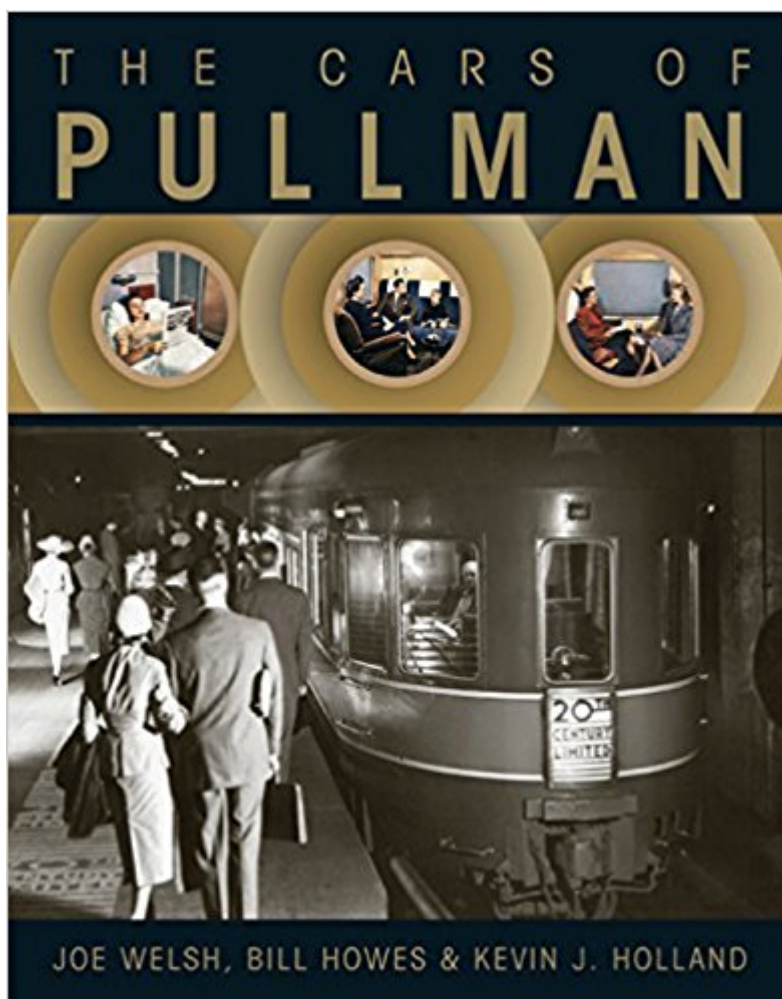


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# The Cars Of Pullman



## Synopsis

One of America's greatest business enterprises, the Pullman Company provided outstanding service aboard a vast fleet of railroad passenger cars that could be found in almost every nook and cranny of the United States. This illustrated history examines Pullman's diverse fleet, from its spectacular custom-built wooden cars of the nineteenth century to steel heavyweight cars in the prewar years and on into the lightweight streamlined era. Pullman cars are a tribute to a hard-working generation of men and women who worked to bring the coasts of the United States together efficiently and in style. Author Joe Welsh includes period photos, many in rare color, as well as car diagrams and ads that help trace the development, composition, and evolution of the historically and culturally significant Pullman fleet, including the gamut of sleeper, parlor, and restaurant cars. Take an interesting look into the time period that relied on train cars, as well as the classic style of the cars themselves. This is a fitting tribute to the former cultural icons aboard which strode giants of American life, such as Babe Ruth and Clark Gable, as well as first-time travelers from small-town America.

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"The Cars of Pullman" explores the history of the Pullman Company and its sleeping cars from the beginning until the end of sleeping car service in the United States. The book highlights the operations of the Pullman company, which by the late 1920's ran a fleet of more than 8,000 cars and carried over 39 million passengers a year. It was literally a "hotel on wheels" that moved every

night. The book is divided into logical sections which describe the development of the company between 1867 and the end in 1968. The first section covers the early wood-car era from 1867-1910. Next, the Standard or "Heavyweight" car era from 1910-1932. The next section covers the beginning of lightweight or streamlined equipment from 1932-1943. The last chapter covers the post-war Pullman operations from 1945-1968. The authors of the book Joe Welsh, Bill Howes, and Kevin Holland do a great job of combining pictures from the railroads and the files of the Pullman Company with descriptions of the different types of equipment used over the years. It was amazing to learn about all of the different types of accommodations and even non-sleeping cars that the company managed. The images throughout the book highlight the change from Pullman "Green" heavyweight sleepers to the multi-colored sleepers of the lightweight trains such the Broadway Limited or the 20th Century Limited in the east and the Chiefs and City trains out west. The book discusses the struggles that the company faced after it was forced to divide up its operations group from the Pullman car-building group. After the Second World War, other builders joined the passenger market, and the railroads owned the cars, but Pullman still operated the services on-board.

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