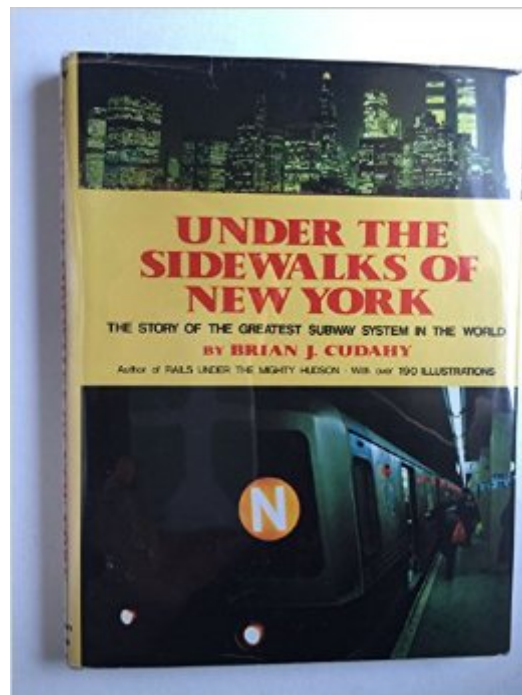


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Under The Sidewalks Of New York: The Story Of The Greatest Subway System In The World



Synopsis

Since the first subway opened in 1904, the New York Subway system and its trains have provided millions of New Yorkers with cheap, fast, and remarkably reliable transportation. The New York subway system lacks the electronic complexity of such modern operations as the Washington, D.C. Metro or San Francisco's BART, and New Yorkers have few qualms in admitting that theirs is not the world's most beautiful subway. But as it is in no other city on earth, the subway of New York is intimately woven into the fabric and identity of the city itself. Transportation expert Brian Cudahy recounts the history of the New York subway systems in a book that is full of detail, historical anecdote, and the wonders of twentieth-century technology. Tracing the system from its first short IRT look to the extensive network of today, with information about such fascinating sidelights as the city's tram systems and the PATH trains linking New York and New Jersey, he has produced a complete, thoroughly researched and annotated, and fully illustrated history that will delight subway buffs, students of urban affairs, and all those who love the city of New York. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book contains loads of captivating info on that giant web that is the NY subway. Brian Cudahy seems to have a thorough knowledge of transit affairs, and of NY (he grew up in Brooklyn). This is not his first book on the subject, and he treats it with a personal touch that makes it very captivating to anybody, not just New Yorkers. This book is a treasure of little-known facts, peculiarities and anecdotes. I had a lot of fun reading it along with a map of today's network, to see how it evolved

(and sometimes "devolved"). Very lively, with some classic NY politics, some catastrophies (including the departure of the Dodgers), and descriptions of how the subway helped make NY what it is today. Under the Sidewalks of NY made me go to bed late the way The Godfather did! I would recommend this book not only to every New Yorker, but also to anybody interested in NY and/or urban transit.

I recently bought two books on the NY Subway to help me gain a greater understanding of how the system works. The other book ("The Subway : A Trip Through Time on New York's Rapid Transit" by Stan Fischler) was far more anecdotal in nature, and for me the lesser of the two books. This book, however, was very informative and gave a comprehensive history of the Subway system, and seemed to be much easier to read (I got through it over a rainy weekend!). The pictures, while being in black and white, were of a good standard and crystal clear. A most enjoyable book, and I would recommend it highly.

An excellent resource on the building and infrastructure of the New York City subway System. It also includes some great pictures.

Well I worked under the streets of NY on the NYC Subway. The system is loaded with history and most people don't really know about it. There are areas that most people don't know exist. As for Command and Control it is a great book that brings forth how many times we were on the brink of the big one. It's a great book and, I could not put it down until I finished it.

I am a native New Yorker who grew up riding the subways. I love this book for the history and the wealth of information contained about the infrastructure that is the lifeblood of most New Yorkers. This is not a map for tourists, it is a book for the lovers of the history of trains or the history of New York.

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