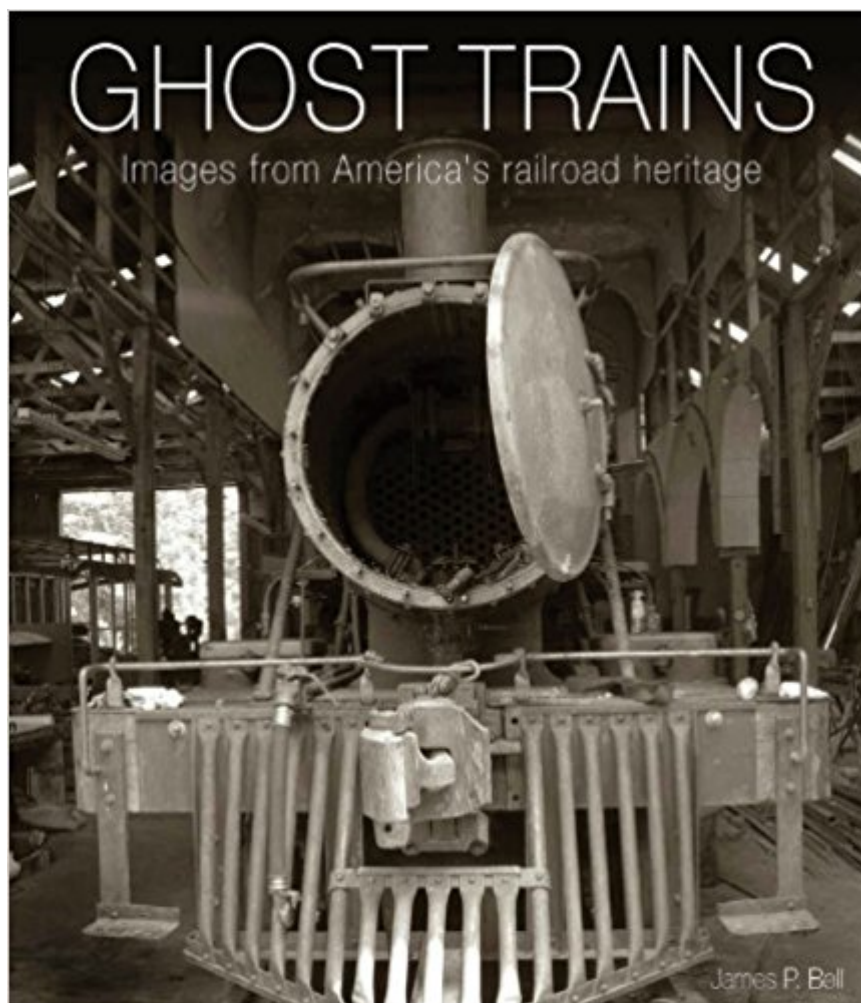


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# Ghost Trains: Images From America's Railroad Heritage



## Synopsis

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The book's title, and the description provided by are misleading. While the photography and text can be interesting, this book has very little in the way of "Ghost Trains". Most of the sections of the book address various operating trains, many restored steam locomotives, many diesel locomotives, and even Amtrak trains. One of the 22 sections does shows some views of a derelict steam locomotive, or possibly two. One section focuses solely on the restored terminal at Kansas City. Of an estimated 300 photographs in the book, less than ten were of inoperable locomotives. Many more were of restored terminals, hotels, hotel lobbies, actors, production staff, behind the scenes photos of trains used in making movies, pristine coaches and dining cars, along with staff, two cranes in flight, and even several of an antique three-engined aircraft. There were some nice photos of trains crossing majestic viaducts, but no photos of derelict rail lines, as described. The description stresses the presence of steam locomotives, but there are many photos of diesel drawn trains and

Amtrac trains, as well as a number of photos not related to railroading at all, such as a small boat in a lake, a indian in ceremonial garb, even an Amish wagon passing a farmhouse. The description of the book reads "Ghost Trains features a new selection of James P. Bell's evocative black and white photographs of the remains of the American steam railroad. The book contains accounts of twenty-three iconic railroad journeys from around the country, fully illustrated with Bell's atmospheric images of trains under full steam, rusting locos, derelict branch lines, roundhouses, depots, and the rotting remains of once mighty rail tracks.

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