

The Flying Scotsman: Speed, Style and Service



Stylish illustrated book on the worlds most famous trainPublished in collaboration with the National Railway Museum in YorkIncludes images not seen in print since the 1930sNo other train has entered the British national consciousness in the same way as the Flying Scotsman. It has been the star of films, music, dances, literature and even a cocktail - designed at the trains own cocktail bar in the 1930s. The Flying Scotsman first ran in 1862; it still runs today, passing through incarnations like stations through the years. In its heyday of the 1920s and 30s it was seen as the pinnacle of modernity: a stylish, glamorous feat of engineering. Now it is viewed through the heady steam of nostalgia; an iconic image of days gone by. This book follows the story of the Flying Scotsman in a way that no other history has, expertly weaving together the tale of the locomotive with a wider historical narrative. Furthermore, it delves into the lesser-known stories of the train - such as its sabotage by striking miners in 1926 - and features superb examples of poster art and other publicity materials commissioned by the LNER to promote the service, and documentary photography from the nineteenth century to the present. Written by the current curator of the National Rail Museum, the story of the Flying Scotsman has never been told so well.

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