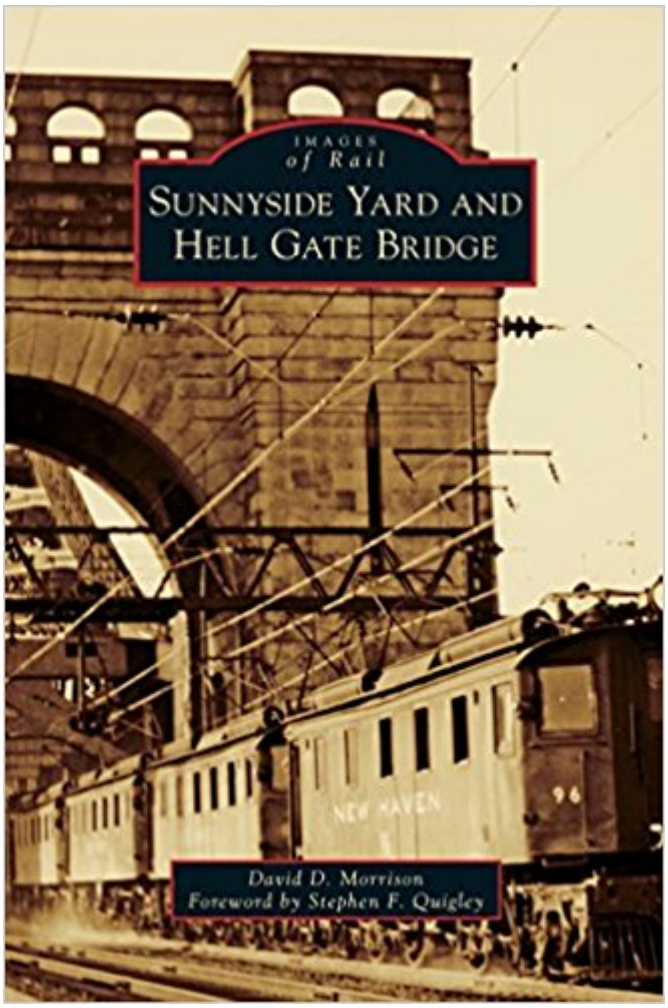
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Synopsis

Sunnyside Yard was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad as part of its massive New York Extension, the centerpiece of which was Pennsylvania Station in the heart of Manhattan. Opened in 1910, it is still the world s largest railroad passenger car storage yard. At the height of its operation in the 1930s, there were 79 tracks, with a capacity for 1,100 cars. Hell Gate Bridge was a joint venture of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New Haven Railroad to construct a direct rail route for trains between New York City and the New England states. The main span is 1,017 feet between the towers, and it rises more than 300 feet from the East River to the top of the towers."

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David D. Morrison is a retired branch line manager of the Long Island Rail Road, railroad historian, and current cochairman of the Oyster Bay Railroad Station Restoration Committee. He is a charter member of the Railroad Museum of Long Island, as well as the author of five other books, including three Images of Rail titles: Long Island Rail Road Stations, Jamaica Station, and Long Island Rail

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A deeper look into the lesser known details of the Penn Station project, which encompassed the area from Manhattan Transfer, in New Jersey, to Sunnyside Yard , in Long Island City. Also includes the later addition of the Hell Gate bridge, to complete its connection to New England. Very informative.

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My husband found the book very interesting.

"Sunnyside Yard and Hell Gate Bridge," a December 2016 release from Arcadia Publishing, is a delightful 128-page paperback tome, and a worthy addition to their ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Images of Rail" series. Author David Morrison, a retired Long Island Railroad operating manager, couldn't be a better guide to the subject. He's written five other books on the LIRR and is a Charter Member of the Railroad Museum of Long Island.Lavishly illustrated with period as well as contemporary photographs, the book is laden with tidbits of little-known but useful facts and figures for rail fans and railroad historians alike. I never knew where the PRR ended and the New Haven began eastbound from Penn Station: it's Harold Tower, to your left about half a mile east of East River Tunnel portal.Sunnyside came about because PRR President Andrew Cassatt needed someplace to stage his trains after he got them into Manhattan though his new Hudson River tunnels with the opening of Penn Station in 1910. He also envisioned through PRR cars to New England and a yard in Long Island City was a good start.Morrison guides us through the process, from siting the East River Tunnels to filling in swamps for the Sunnyside footprint, to the car-float freight connection at

Bay Ridge, to completing Hell Gate Bridge in 1917.On a personal note, Hell Gate Bridge and the New York Connecting Railroad, as the route was officially known, have always been part of my life. Born on Long Island and growing up in Connecticut, and now a Philadelphia-based railroad writer, I have been over the Hell gate bridge many times, in everything from a New Haven commuter making local stops in the Bronx, to the cab of an Amtrak loco. The trip never ceases to amaze, and every trip I see something new.And now, thanks to David Morrison and Arcadia, I'll know more about what I'm looking at on what I hope will be many more trips through Sunnyside Yard and across Hell Gate Bridge.

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