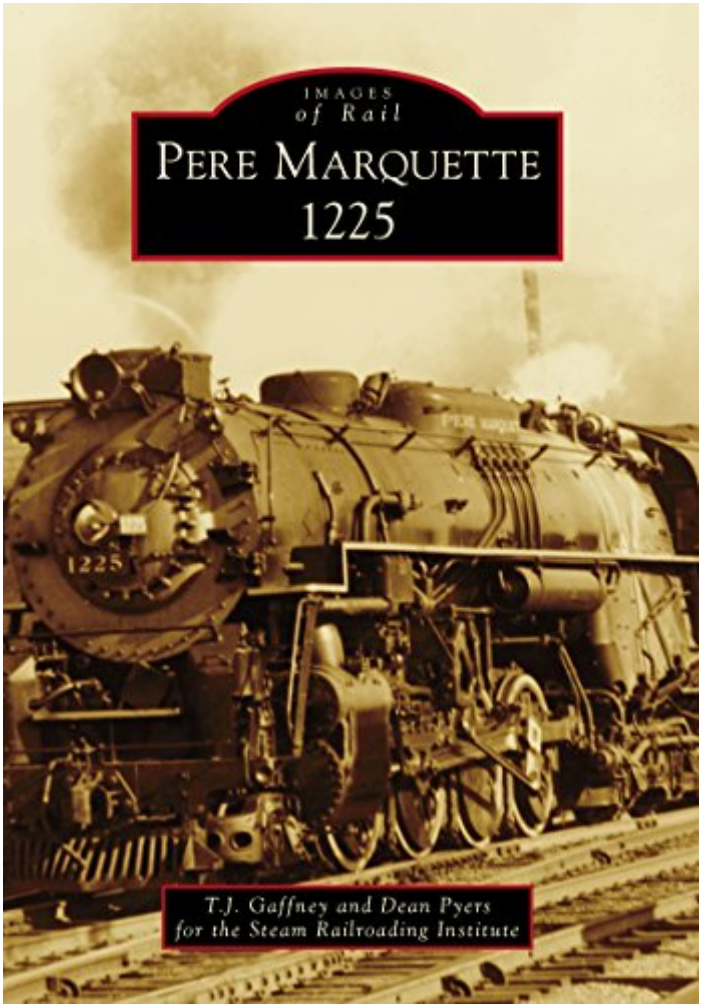
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Synopsis

Images of Rail: Pere Marquette 1225 presents the history of steam locomotive 1225, one of 39 Berkshire Class 2-8-4Ã Â¿Â s built between 1937 and 1944 for the Pere Marquette Railway. Although it is best known for being the sound and image behind the movie adaptation of Chris Van AllsburgÃ Â¿Â s The Polar Express, 1225 has a rich history that preceded a life as a movie star. From her construction at Lima Locomotive Works and important role in hauling material from factories to the front in World War II to her unlikely preservation on Michigan State UniversityÃ Â¿Â s campus and eventual restoration, the history of 1225 covers nearly 75 years. The locomotive is now housed at the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso, Michigan, and the story behind it will take readers back to a time when whistles in the night charged the imagination and the United States truly was the Ã Â¿Â Arsenal of Democracy.Ã Â¿Â

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As a child I climbed on the 1225 quite often while she was being restored at MSU, with the

volunteers telling me and my brother all about the mechanics of steam, giving us steam dreams of a bygone era. A few years later we watched her move on to even further restoration and eventual reentry into scenic passenger service.But this remarkable book is much more than a highly detailed account of that restoration by a dedicated team of volunteers. Beginning with the Lima Locomotive Works in the 1930s, the author traces the history of steam in the pre-war era, its zenith in the war years and eventual decline. This is done through the lens of the Berkshire series of Pere Marquette locomotives, of which 1225 is one. Replete with a massive array of photographs and detailed captions, the reader is easily transported back to a time when steam reigned supreme and giants roamed the rails. This book is a fantastic addition to any railfan's library.A minor correction to one caption is on page 89, which incorrectly labels the mainline as being that of the Grand Trunk. In fact, it is on the current CSX mainline, formerly C&O, looking east just to the east of the Harrison crossing. But that is a minor point for nerds. The book is just splendid!

Good book on the PM1225

Good PM 1225 book, arrived on time in great shape

Very good illustration.

Filled with facts and, especially, photos this book will be a favorite of any railfan, but in particular those of us who are captivated by PM 1225.

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