### The Pennsylvania Railroad Volume: A Comprehensive Guide to the History of the PRR

The Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) was one of the most important railroads in American history. It played a major role in the development of the United States' transportation system and economic development. This comprehensive guide to the history of the PRR will provide you with an indepth look at its origins, operations, and legacy.



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The PRR was founded in 1846 by a group of Philadelphia businessmen. The railroad's first line ran from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Over the next several decades, the PRR expanded its network of lines throughout the Northeast and Midwest. By the early 20th century, the PRR was one of the largest railroads in the world.

### Operations

The PRR operated a wide variety of passenger and freight trains. The railroad's passenger trains were known for their speed, comfort, and luxury. The PRR also operated a large fleet of freight trains, which hauled a variety of goods, including coal, iron ore, and manufactured products.

The PRR was a pioneer in the use of new technology. In 1915, the railroad became the first in the United States to electrify a mainline. The PRR also played a major role in the development of diesel locomotives.

#### Legacy

The PRR had a profound impact on American society. The railroad's trains helped to connect the country and facilitate the movement of people and goods. The PRR also played a major role in the development of the American economy.

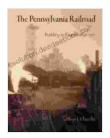
The PRR's legacy can still be seen today. The railroad's former lines are now used by Amtrak and other railroads. Many of the PRR's historic stations have been preserved and are now used for other purposes.

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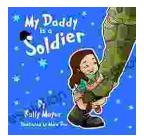
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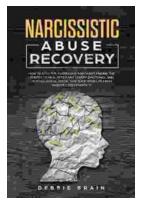
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