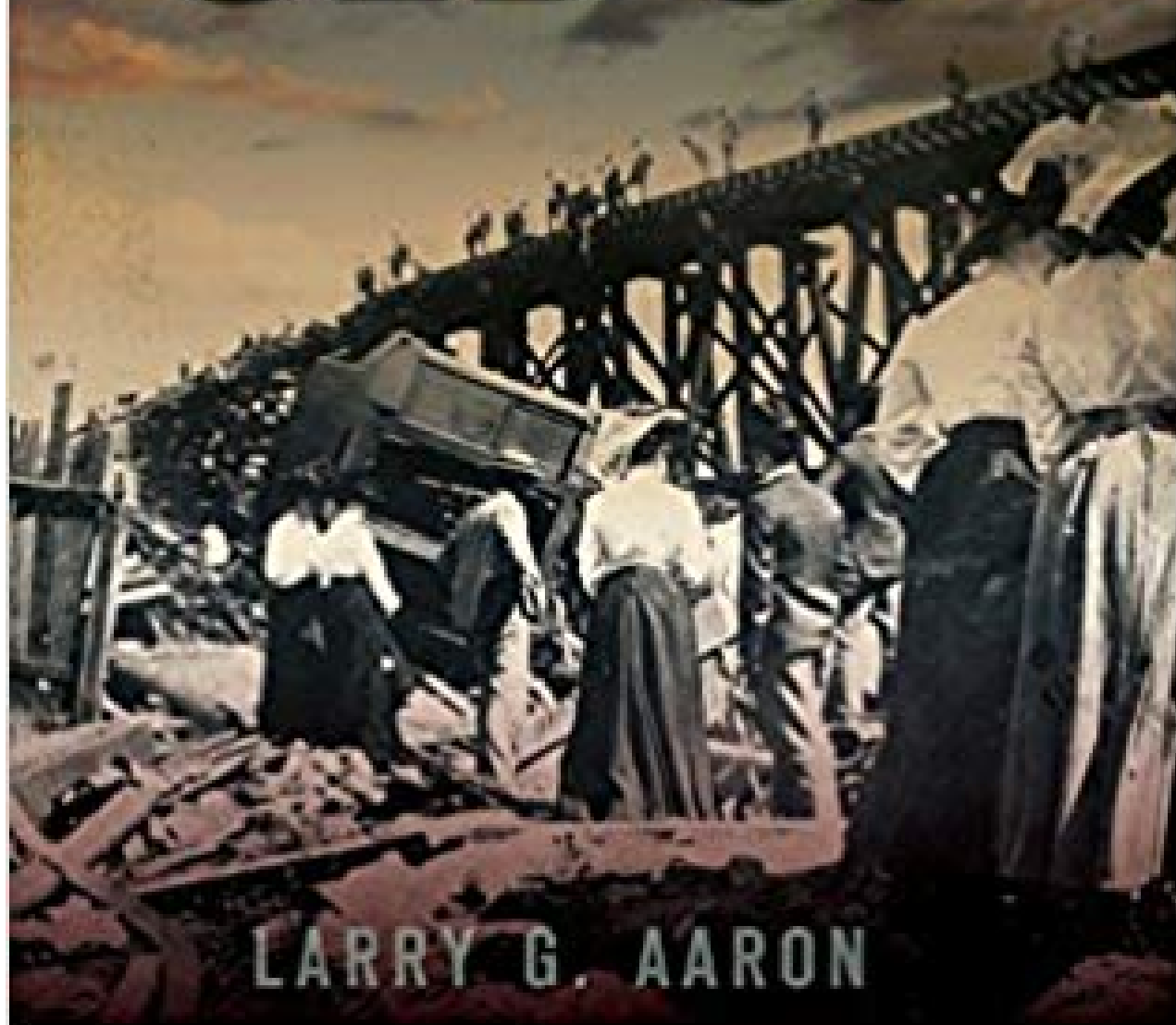


THE WRECK OF THE OLD 97



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With more twists and turns compared to the railroad tracks which the Old 97 ran, this book chronicles the tale of one of the very most well-known train wrecks in American history, along with the controversy surrounding "The Wreck of the Old 97," that a lot of well-known ballad, which secured the Old 97 a place within the history of American folklore. 97 an hour behind schedule, locomotive engineer Steve Broady, regarding to legend, swore to "put her in Spencer on time" or "place her in Hell." Through eyewitness reports and courtroom testimonies, historian Larry Aaron expertly pieces together the events of September 27, 1903, at Danville, Virginia, when the Old 97 plummeted off a forty-five-foot trestle into the ravine below. With Fast Mail train Zero.



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I couldn't put it down! Aaron. No one figured this out at the time, in part as the people who probably would have known the reality (or even more of the truth) died in the wreck. The author did a great work of relaying the tale within an interesting way, and sharing the background on those included. This plus the historical records preserved results in by far the most accurate story of what occurred you will ever find anywhere, and things make a lot more sense now. Strongly suggested for anyone thinking about Old 97. The story line was accurate but the detail of the people that were linked to the accident was too hard to follow and did not enhance the story line. Can be used to discount many of the inaccuracies that have accumulated over the years since September 1903. Also loaded with aerial views---maybe even satellite television views of the specific section of the wreck. Great story in back of this book Great story behind this book. Good factual content however, not fun reading. Good book about history Good book Five Stars Great book! I believe Dr Aaron did an excellent job in trying to reconstruct what occurred and to try to ascertain the root cause of this accident. However, Mr. My dad utilized to sing the track about the Wreck of the Aged 97 to all or any of his 5 grandsons--the best benefit is each of them remember him carrying out this when little--precious memories. Excellent historic resource Probably the finest, most comprehensive collection of interviews I've found. I learned so much about railroading and made me want to learn even more. That is a book that you really have to need to finish to continue reading it. Finding the Truth Behind the Legend It has been a little over a century because the train wreck that inspired the famous ballad, and not surprisingly a good portion of the real history has managed to get lost. Valiant Attempt at REAL CAUSE Determination 107 Years Later I read this book from the perspective of an industry insider but having simply no prior knowledge of this specific accident nor any steam locomotive knowledge. Five Stars Best history of that mail train. Nevertheless, this is an almost impossible task given the amount of time that had passed. I'd been searching high and low for a publication about the wreck of the Old 97, when I came across this account by Larry G. I've read many NTSB incident reports and felt this publication fell short of that standard, especially in the technical evaluation of the incident, but NTSB obviously could have had access to much more reliable information, better forensics technology, and wouldn't be trying to get this done 107 years after the fact. So in that sense Dr Aaron did the very best imaginable job possible under the situations. Aaron, who just like a number of people today offers his own family reference to the wreck, made a decision to investigate the true story and (if possible) figure out what actually happened, both the What and the Why. Also the author tracked down many first documents (find illustration) that governed the teach on that day, which gave useful (official) information regarding the train operation during that period. In that sense this reserve is a genuine contribution to the body of knowledge about this incident. There have been several railroad facts contained within the document which were interesting and that I was unaware of, nonetheless it wasn't worth enough time and energy to learn the book to dig them out. (Even the historical marker placed in 1947 on Route 58 at the scene of the wreck gets the number of fatalities incorrect, claiming only 9 rather than the actual 11!) Therefore author Larry G. I found the human areas of the tale interesting, and the author clearly devoted lots of effort to that. No real surprise, the What ended up being the easier. It has been just over a century because the wreck, but that locations occasions within the lifetimes of a number of people's grandparents for whom this was the most interesting, dramatic event of their lives. A good look at a historical event that reads conveniently and smoothly while putting the reader into that infamous day in September 27, 1903. However, the one remaining issue: the Why, is a lot more difficult. Admittedly, I am new to the subject so I don't have much to compare it to, but I was enthralled by the information presented from beginning to end. Five Stars Well written story of an awful event. Excellent read and background on our railroads Captivating story on the subject of one of the biggest legends in railroad history. Often the people explanation was duplicated, sometimes many times.



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