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crashing at high speed affected the human body Spyhunter Michael Shrimpton LLB,2025-08-29 Spyhunter is the only published history of the Deutscherverteidigungsdienst DVD the covert agency set up by Admiral Wilhelm Canaris in 1943 after German defeats in the Battles of the Atlantic and the Kursk Salient Canaris and the Gestapo chief Muller faked their deaths in 1945 The world's most powerful intelligence agency the DVD went on to control the UN assassinate President Kennedy and install its man Saddam Hussein in Iraq Part 1 explains how Michael came to be involved at a high level in the secretive world of intelligence Part 2 is a history of German intelligence prior to 1945 including the shootdown and murder of Amelia Earhart and Part 3 covers the DVD itself The book probably features in the libraries of most intelligence agencies The postwar world cannot be explained without understanding the DVD Buried Dreams Andrew R. Black, 2020-10-14 The Hoosac railroad tunnel in the mountains of northwestern Massachusetts was a nineteenth century engineering and construction marvel on par with the Brooklyn Bridge Transcontinental Railroad and Erie Canal The longest tunnel in the Western Hemisphere at the time 4 75 miles it took nearly twenty five years 1851 1875 almost two hundred casualties and tens of millions of dollars to build Yet it failed to deliver on its grandiose promise of economic renewal for the commonwealth and thus is little known today Andrew R Black's Buried Dreams refreshes public memory of the project explaining how a plan of such magnitude and cost came to be in the first place what forces sustained its completion and the factors that inhibited its success Black digs into the special case of Massachusetts a state disadvantaged by nature and forced repeatedly to reinvent itself to succeed economically The Hoosac Tunnel was just one of the state s efforts in this cycle of decline and rejuvenation though certainly the strangest Black also explores the intense rivalry among Eastern Seaboard states for the spoils of western expansion in the post Erie Canal period His study interweaves the lure of the West the competition between Massachusetts and archrival New York the railroad boom and collapse and the shifting ground of state and national politics The psychic makeup of Americans before and after the Civil War heavily influenced public perceptions of the tunnel by the time it was finished Black contends the indomitable triumphalism that had given birth to the Hoosac had faded to skepticism and cynicism Anticipated economic benefits never arrived and Massachusetts eventually sold the tunnel for only a fraction of its cost to a private railroad company Buried Dreams tells a story of America's reckoning with the perils of impractical idealism the limits of technology to bend nature to its will and grand endeavors untempered by humility The Liberation **Line** Christian Wolmar, 2024-05-21 The epic story of the engineers and rail workers who ensured Allied victory in World War Two published to coincide with the eightieth anniversary of D Day by an award winning expert on trains and transportation They certainly were not soldiers yet they suddenly found themselves in uniform in a foreign land But as locomotive drivers track workers conductors porters signalmen and engine cleaners they knew how to run trains And their job was to bring them back to life The Liberation Line tells the thrilling story of the British and American railway engineers who in the months after D Day worked around the clock and in great danger to rebuild the ravaged railways of Europe and keep the Allied

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have been many hundreds of railway disasters This book looks at some of the most famous as well as some that have been all but forgotten matching graphic illustrations with eyewitness accounts of people who were there and the confidential reports of the accident investigators who worked out what had gone wrong The book explores the reasons why accidents happen Some are due to the carelessness of staff others due to equipment failure or poor signalling Yet others still baffle the experts Simon Fowler is a long standing Pen Sword author having written many books on family and military history. He is a also a professional researcher and tutor British Rail Christian Wolmar, 2022-06-09 The authoritative and fascinating history of the rise and fall of the state owned British Rail Wolmar's book is impeccably organised and makes a fast enjoyable read THE British Rail wasn t how we re asked to remember it From ancient rolling stock to patchy TIMES Literary Supplement service stale sandwiches to the wrong kind of snow British Rail our last great state owned organisation to be privatised has received a terrible press But after its controversial 1948 creation British Rail was actually an innovative powerhouse that over five decades transformed the UK creating one of the fastest regular rail services in the world Award winning journalist Christian Wolmar takes us from promise to punchline exploring British Rail s birth into post war austerity the many battles and struggles to evolve what many considered to be a dinosaur and how at the height of its success the service was misunderstood and unfairly maligned ruthlessly broken up and privatised

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