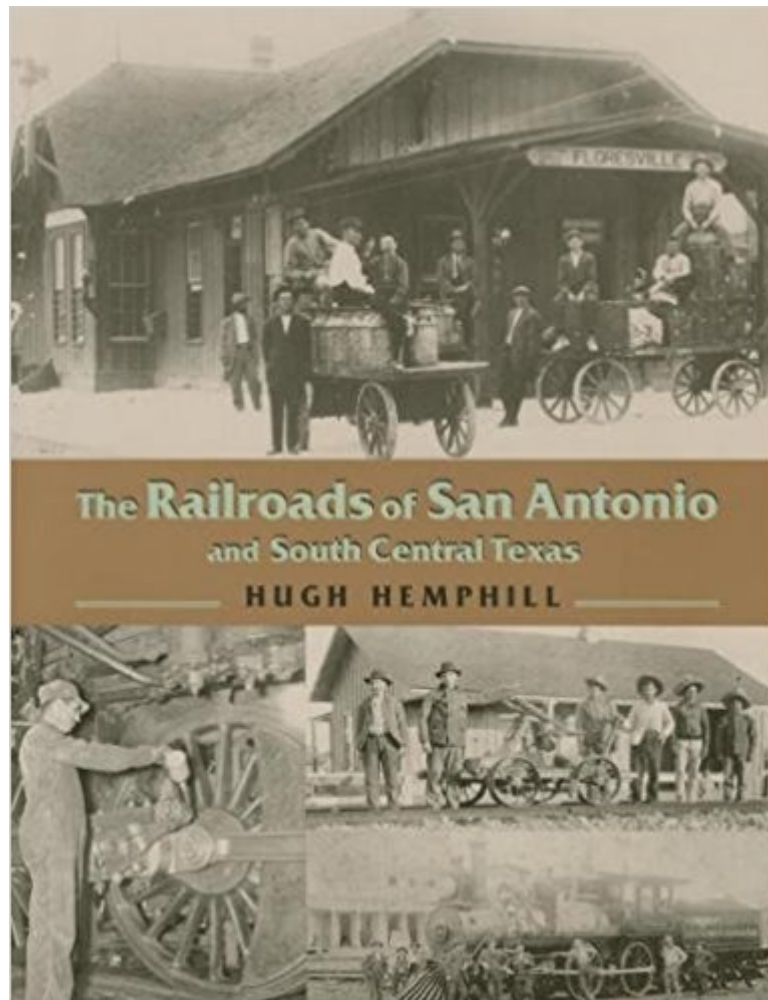




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Good reference

This book must have taken years to research. It contains overviews and details on railroads of the San Antonio region, along with excellent photography and difficult-to-obtain eye-witness reports of

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I liked the book overall. I did learn a lot of new things. I wish there was more information about each railroad, and perhaps more pictures for each railroad, but I realize there are space considerations. The history of the MKT coming down toward San Antonio seemed to have parts out of sequence, and that was a bit confusing. But for the most part it was very informative.

If you're a Texas railroad buff, this book is a must read and well worth buying and reading. Great book.

Another outstanding "local" history work by Hugh Hemphill. This photo laden book will help you appreciate the early Railroad history of the named region and will take you back to an era that is gone but should never be forgotten. A must book for people with an interest of the regions history as well as for all Railroad Buffs. It is the necessary piece of the quilt that is our San Antonio, Texas, and national history.

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