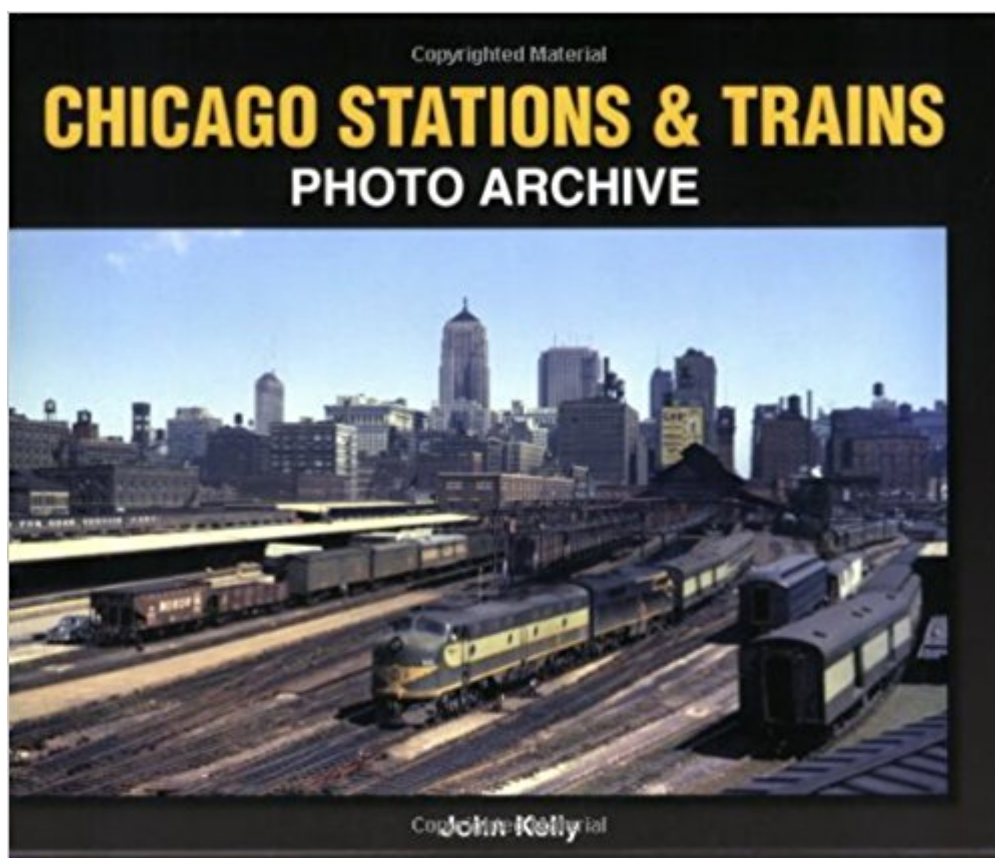


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Trains, author John Kelly writes, "No other American city had such a fascinating group of railroad passenger stations as Chicago." His book goes on to detail Chicago's six major railroad stations and some of the classic trains that served them. Each station had its own architecture, some in the Romanesque, some in Beaux-Arts and many in the Moderne or Art Deco style that reflected the late 1800s and early 1900s when they were built. Kelly grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin where his father's best friend was an engineer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. This family friend instilled in Kelly a lifelong interest in railroads and he has been collecting photographs, timetables and dining car menus for more than 20 years. As a part of the Iconografix Photo Archive series, Chicago Stations & Trains puts that collection of photos to good use. The book is filled with high quality black and white images of trains and stations, along with maps, advertisements and just about everything else having to do with Chicago's major urban rail stations. The architecture of these old rail stations was nothing short of magnificent. Huge passenger halls, maintenance facilities, baggage storage rooms, commissary food service for dining cars, newsrooms, lunchrooms, newsstands, washrooms and passenger seating all wrapped in marble glass and steel with sleek lines and smooth reflective surfaces. They were one of the finest examples of art matching functionality in the service of the public.

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