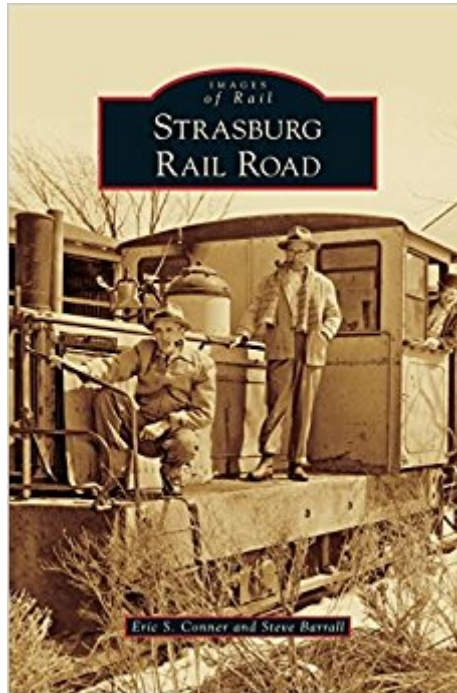




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Authors Eric S. Conner and Steve Barrall both natives of Lancaster County and Strasburg Rail Road employees endeavor to share the important role the Strasburg Rail Road maintains in both the local community and the wider world of railroading. Conner is an avid collector and local historian with a focus on Lancaster County tourism. Barrall is a resident of Strasburg Borough whose interest in railroading led him to a career at the Strasburg Rail Road.

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