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Review

Interesting and colorful... an outstanding collection of images accompanies the 16 chapters of text... a great opportunity to relive the FEC's golden era. (David J. Mrozek *Michigan Railfan*)

More than 400 archival and contemporary photographs... an exciting tale of the influence and importance of the iron rails. (*S Gaugian*)

Entertaining and authoritative... exceptionally well-researched... filled with photographic documentation... Bramson is an engaging storyteller, and a presence whose enthusiasm for his subject is palpable throughout the book. (Mary O'Dea *E-Streams*)

The definitive history of the [Florida East Coast Railway], composed by an employee as a labor of love... packed with photos. (Alexander D. Mitchell IV *Railfan and Railroad*)

From the Author

Speedway to Sunshine is the first and only complete history of the fabled Florida East Coast Railway. Its predecessors go back to 1885, and its creator, of course, was the legendary Henry M. Flagler. In this 352 page book, the story is told from the very beginning -- going back to the earliest predecessor -- to late 2001. Even for those who are not railroad buffs but have an interest in Florida's long and glorious history, the photos alone make the book worthwhile. With over 400 photos -- many published for the first time, **Speedway to Sunshine** is, indeed *THE* story of the FEC and the men and women who, through more than 120 years, have made this great and still in existence railway the single finest, most respected, and most imitated railroad in America.

About the Author

The Florida East Coast Railway named **Seth H. Branson** its official company historian in 1996, a title accorded to only one other person in the American railroad industry. His personal collection of memorabilia on the FEC, Florida and Miami has grown to more than one million items, including countless thousands of FEC photographs, timetables, booklets and brochures.

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