

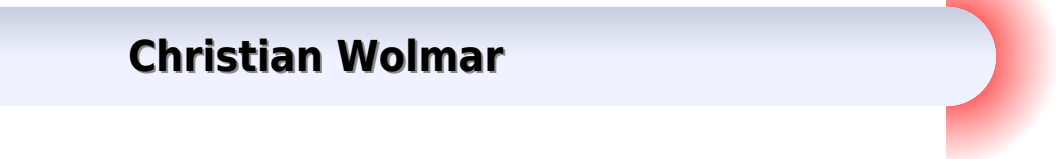
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Class 4-6-0 Locomotives, 1923-1959 David Maidment, Bob Meanley, 2023-02-16 The Great Western Castles were one of the most successful locomotive designs of the twentieth century in terms of both performance and efficiency Designed by Charles Collett in 1923 based on the 1907 Churchward Star class 155 were constructed almost continuously apart from the war years between 1923 and 1950 in addition to fifteen rebuilt Stars and one rebuilt from the Great Bear Pacific Many were modernised with increased superheat and double chimneys in the late 1950s and the class continued to be the mainstay of all Western Region express passenger services to the West Country South Wales Gloucestershire Herefordshire and the West Midlands until replaced by the WR diesel hydraulic fleet in the early 1960s This book covers their design in a chapter written by Bob Meanley who masterminded the restoration at Tyseley Works of the Castles Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and Clun Castle and their history operation and performance from the high speed of the 1930s through to their rejuvenation in the 1950s leaving experience of their last years and preservation to another volume David Maidment had close experience of the class when working at Old Oak Common between 1957 and 1962 and includes his personal experiences there and on the road from his first encounter with one as a six year old boy The book includes 350 photographs some 40 in color and 23 detailed Swindon technical drawings **A Historical Dictionary of Railways in the British Isles** David Wragg, 2009-04-21 Railways played a key role in Britain's social economic and industrial history These companies have long since gone but all over the country relics remain to remind us of that pioneering age David Wragg's Historical Dictionary of Railways in the

British Isles is a comprehensive single volume reference guide to the old railway companies and their heritage He provides brief histories of the companies and their many sided activities and he gives biographies of the men who created the rail network He covers what is now the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland as well as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man His book is essential reading and reference for enthusiasts of every region and period of railway history 200 Years of Locomotive Development Richard Marks,2026-04-28 Since Richard Trevithick s first forays into the development of the steam locomotive Britain s engineers have been at the forefront of railway technology Often innovative and sometimes unfairly maligned the country s locomotive engineers continually broke new barriers in traction technology although not everything was successful From the earliest simple steam locomotives to the latest diesel and electric engines Britain had led the way in railway locomotion although competition from European Japanese and American manufacturers sometimes exceeded what British engineers had achieved In this new book industrial and railway historian Dr Richard Marks provides fresh insights into Britain s role in railway locomotive design and technology and examines the highlights of British developments from Trevithick s Coalbrookdale locomotive to the Brush Class 60 diesel locomotive Based upon new research this useful primer aims to start the reader on a journey of discovery unravelling some of the myths which have arisen around Britain s railway history and explaining in an easy to follow narrative why some potentially advantageous developments failed to live up to expectations In this new survey of 200 years of British locomotive history to accompany the Railway 200 celebrations the reader is presented with a compelling and easy to read introduction to a complex but intriguing subject *History of the Great Western Railway: (in 2 parts). 1833-1863* Edward Terence MacDermot,1927 **The Railway Magazine** ,1927

Great Western, 0-6-0 Tender Goods Locomotive Classes David Maidment,2024-07-30 This book is a comprehensive history of all the 0 6 0 tender locomotives built by the Great Western Railway or by railways absorbed by the GWR from the very earliest broad gauge engines designed by Daniel Gooch to the Collett 2251 class of the 1930s some of which were still under construction at nationalisation It includes the Joseph Armstrong Standard Goods and the famous Dean Goods many of which served overseas in the two world wars The text of 40 000 words describes the design construction and operation of eight GW and five Absorbed broad gauge classes and thirteen GW and thirteen Absorbed standard gauge classes The book has over 250 black and white and 30 color photos weight diagrams and drawings A History of the Great Western Railway

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and eluding capture travelling hundreds of miles on a platform ticket and stink bombs on the Underground You ll be able to smell the steam soot and unwashed socks and taste the boiled egg sandwiches the chips wrapped in newspaper and the hot jam doughnuts all washed down with warm Tizer Illustrated with Michael Harvey s own photographs and a selection of maps Forget the Anorak appeals to anyone who experienced the golden days of trainspotting as well as to anyone interested in the social history of Britain after the Second World War *Locomotive Railway Carriage and Wagon Review* ,1929 Western Diesel Hydraulic Locomotives in Preservation Fred Kerr,2022-07-28 When British Railways initiated its Modernisation Plan in 1955 its Western Region elected to trial locomotive designs with hydraulic transmission whilst BR encouraged designs with electric transmission The Western Region felt that the lighter weight of 78 tons for a diesel hydraulic locomotive producing 2000 hp compared to an equivalent weight of 132 tons for a diesel electric locomotive producing 2000 hp would better meet BR s requirement for a modern locomotive BR s failure to follow up with its declared policy of having all freight vehicles fitted with brakes saw operators preferring the heavier diesel electric designs which proved more able to operate trains without through brakes at higher speed The greatest concern was with operating costs whereby the Western Region policy of replacing components at the depot then transferring them to Swindon for repair incurred heavy costs that were reflected in the maintenance cost per locomotive Given the smaller number of diesel hydraulic locomotives and the larger number of diesel electric locomotives it was little surprise that by the mid 1960s a cost comparison showed that the build and operation of diesel electric locomotives was increasingly cheaper over the long term Furthermore the increased availability of diesel electric locomotives released by a combination of factors provided an opportunity to replace the diesel hydraulic fleet which was withdrawn from service during the 1970s The preservation of redundant locomotives was slow but once it was confirmed by the preservation of Hymek Class 35 D7017 in 1975 that public appeals could quickly fund the preservation of withdrawn examples further public appeals followed In a short space of time 31 locomotives from a mixed fleet of 358 locomotives entered preservation to remind both enthusiasts and the public of a concept i e hydraulic transmission that had had much to offer but had been dismissed on questionable financial grounds *A Privileged Journey* David Maidment,2015-06-30 A Privileged Journey Volume 1 1940 1962 is a personal and individual account of the author youthful enthusiasm for trains and the travels he undertook in Great Britain and on the European continent as a student and management trainee of British Railways It is illustrated by over 140 black and white photos mostly taken by the author himself as a boy and student The chapters cover the emergence of the young boy s interest in steam locomotives in particular through his trainspotting days to his numerous journeys in the late 1950s and early 1960s with many accounts of locomotive performance supported by an extensive appendix of train logs Some of the chapters are much extended narratives from articles serialised in the UK enthusiast magazine Steam World over the last decade and are also based on ten hours of verbal interviews recorded by the UK National Railway Museum at York as part of their Oral History archives supported by a UK National Lottery Grant The

second volume to be published at a later date covering the period from 1962 to the current time will describe his continuing interest and records while pursuing his career as stationmaster area manager train planner Regional operating manager and finally Head of Safety before his retirement in 1996 and subsequent career as an international railway safety consultant

Railway & Travel Monthly, 1914 **Great Western, King Class 4-6-0s** David Maidment, 2020-08-30 An in depth look at the British railway company's celebrated class of steam locomotives with more than three hundred photos Built by Collett in 1927 after pressure to restore the Great Western Railway's pre eminence in motive power and cope with increasing postwar traffic to Devon and Cornwall holiday resorts the thirty Kings were the final development of the Churchward Stars and the 1923 Castles and remained on top link main line duty until their final replacement by the Western class 52 diesel hydraulics in 1962 This book includes an insight into the thinking of some of Collett's senior staff at the end of the 1930s and the eventual transformation in the latter years with redraughting and double chimneys As well as describing their design and construction the book comprehensively covers their operation and performance backed up by many recorded logs on all main GW WR routes over which they were permitted The author had close experience of the class when working at Old Oak Common between 1957 and 1962 and includes a chapter of his experiences with them including many footplate trips as a management trainee he was greeted with glee by firemen who would hand him the shovel The book also includes over 300 photographs one hundred of them in color **On The Wrong Line: How Ideology and Incompetence Wrecked**

Britain's Railways Christian Wolmar, 2012 Britain's rail privatisation was one of the greatest political failures of recent history A well functioning industry was torn apart to satisfy political dogma and privatised in a way that not only compromised safety and wrecked performance but also resulted in financial melt down In this acclaimed book an update to his earlier work Broken Rails Christian Wolmar reveals the causes of the collapse of the railway system following the Hatfield accident barely five years after John Major's ill thought out privatisation On the Wrong Line goes on to expose the failure of New Labour to get to grips with the legacy it inherited from the Tories and raises wider issues about the competence of the Blair government This book with a new preface for the eBook edition serves as a valuable reminder of the risks of privatising a single state owned service and splitting it into many competing entities each linked by contracts rather than a shared service ethos Unfortunately this lesson does not appear to have been learned by the Coalition Government which seems dedicated to destroying first the National Health Service the way the Tories wrecked the railways and then doing the same to education Finally in an appendix this new edition contains a never before published three page statement written by Sir John Major on the privatisation of the railways a subject he never mentions once in his autobiography **Great Western's Last Year** Adrian Vaughan, 2013-09-02 DESPITE being one of the best known and admired rail companies in the country by 1947 the GWR was at the lowest ebb of its entire history Worn out by war there had been no maintenance for six years and the government couldn't supply the steel it needed for repair The latter half of the 1940s presented a multitude of challenges to

overcome some due to the recent war and others individual to the GWR the staff coped with rationing a desperately cold winter and a blazing hot summer and dealt with floods collisions broken rails and failing locomotives The incredible strength of character and can do attitude of GWR workers kept the railway running through it all This history taken from GWR papers and illustrated from them throughout reveals the details of every day as well as the problems and difficulties the staff faced Above all it shows how well they overcame their problems with only muscle power and a steam crane to help and of course no health and safety regulations and arguments to slow them down Adrian Vaughan s unique history of this famous rail company shows just how special the GWR was right through to the end of its very last year **Great Western, Grange Class**

Locomotives David Maidment, 2019-03-30 The renowned British railroad historian delivers a well illustrated account of the rationale behind Collett s construction of this 80 strong class West Somerset Railway Association English railway engineer George Jackson Churchward proposed a 5ft 8in wheeled 4 6 0 for mixed traffic duties in 1901 and it was seriously considered in 1905 but it took until 1936 before his successor Charles Collett realized the plan by persuading the GWR Board to replace many of the 43XX moguls with modern standard mixed traffic engines that bore a remarkable likeness to the Churchward proposal David Maidment has written another in his series of Locomotive Portfolios for Pen enthusiasts for whom these capable machines are favorites will definitely want this volume on the bookshelf Railway Modeller

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