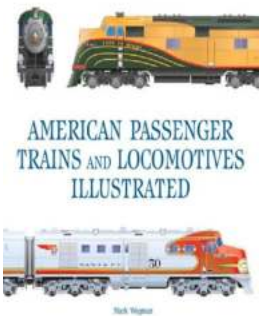


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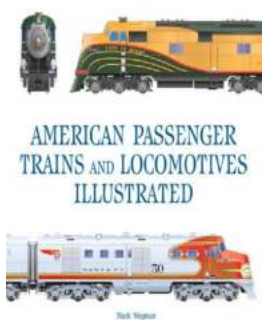
Explore the scenic landscape of museums and heritage trains that pay homage to the bygone eras of rail travel. Step into a world of nostalgia as you discover museums like the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the California State Railroad Museum. Marvel at the restored steam locomotives still chugging along the tracks, providing visitors with a taste of the golden age of passenger trains.



*Illustration: California State Railroad Museum with a retro steam locomotive on display*

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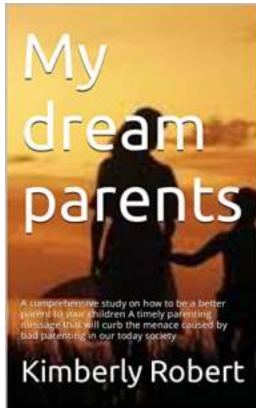
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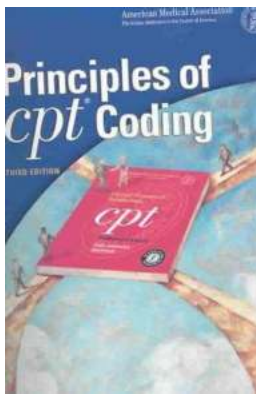


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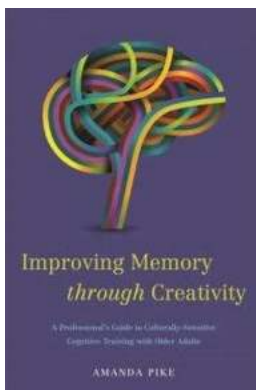
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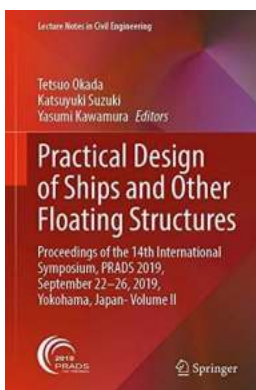
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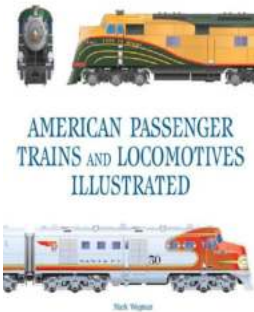
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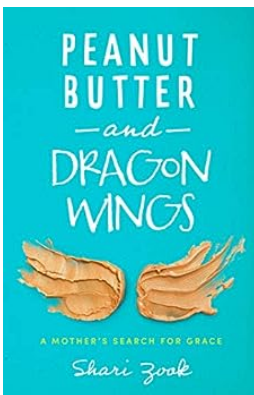
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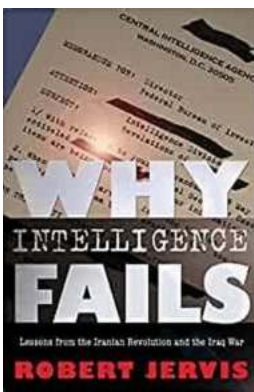
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