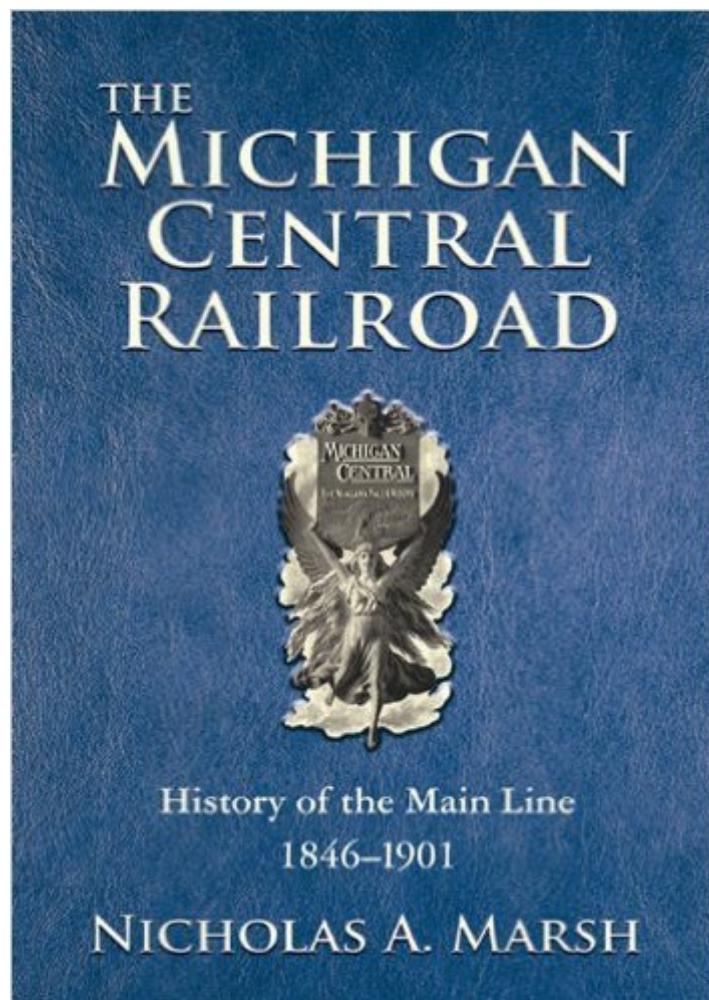


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Interesting and revealing reference for Michigan Central Railroad. First publication I found for what turned out to be a very important railroad in the history of Michigan and this country. Author Marsh provides a good overview of the business history of MCR, including very early methods of laying track, depots, engine houses, establishment of new towns and opening the West for immigration. Reading this book tends to generate curiosity and interest in finding more information about MCR, especially after it was absorbed into the New York Central System in 1901. Recommended reading for anyone interested in Michigan history or railroading.

I found this book terrific at filling in many "holes" in my Railroad Knowledge of Michigan. Author Marsh was kind enough to attend a New York Central Historical Society Meet and elaborate with his intimate knowledge of this company. Fascinating ! The book also includes color reproductions of tickets, lanterns and other artifacts, a treat. Highly Recommended.

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The best out there, but still not enough info on specific names of trains and cost then, etc

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