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On Feb 13, 1968 the railroad known as the New York Central System ceased to exist, when it was merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to form the Penn Central Transportation Company.

For 137 years prior to that date, the New York Central and its predecessor roads had built a railroad empire that was known the world over. Its tracks stretched nearly half way across the U.S., from NYC to the banks of the Mississippi River at East St. Louis, II. Its famous mainline from New York to Chicago consisted of 4 tracks for a good portion of the way, and carried such famous trains as the 20th Century Limited, Commodore Vanderbilt, and the Empire State Express. The New York Central was one of only a few railroads in the U.S. that used three types of locomotives -electric, steam, and diesel - to haul its trains.

This book focuses on the operations of the New York Central during the 1950s & 1960s, using all color photographs, most never before published. Particular features are operations in New York City's electric zone and a visit to the railroad of a pair of mainline diesel-hydraulic locomotives.

CONTENTS: The Electrified Zone * The Hudson Division * The Harlem Division * The Main Line * The Boston and Albany * Two Branches * Around the System * Diesel Hydraulics On the Water Level Route

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