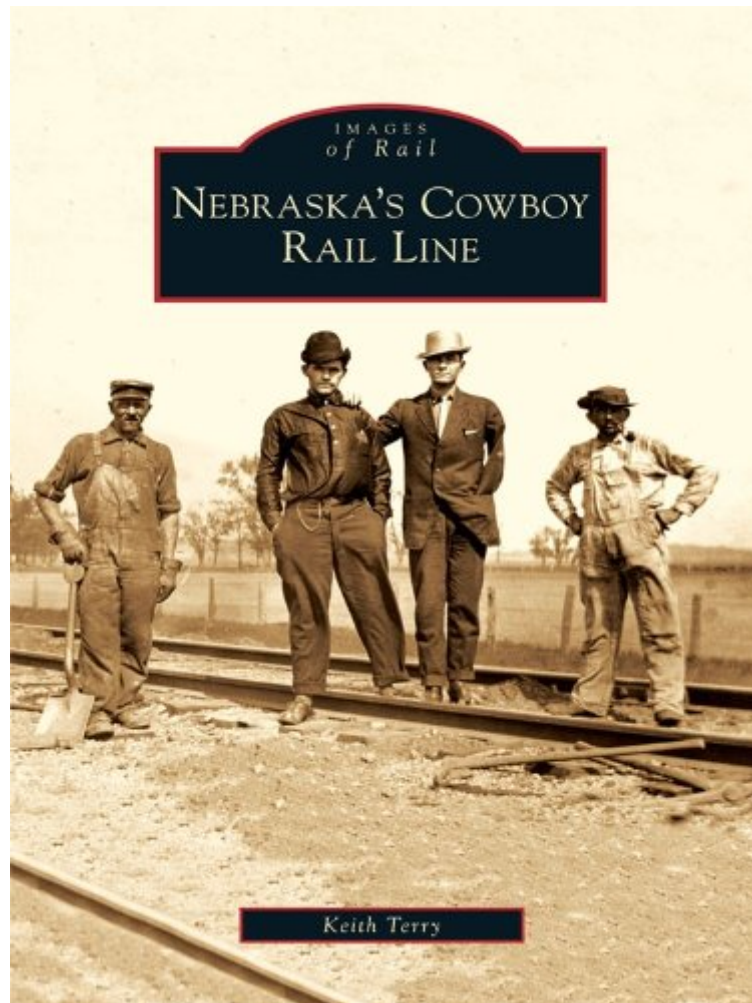




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Synopsis

Nebraska's Cowboy Line existed for nearly 125 years and covered more than 400 miles as it made its way across the northern portion of the state. The construction of the rail line, which started in 1869, was the impetus for the establishment of many towns, and even the relocation of some, along the route. The line was employed to transport miners to the Black Hills during the gold rush of the late 1800s, it carried thousands of Irish and German immigrants to the largely unsettled area, and it allowed politicians to meet their constituents. It also was used to deliver necessities, amusements, technology, and new innovations to the state's citizenry.

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Customer Reviews

This is a nice quality printing for a softcover, with ample pictures (obviously since it's a pictorial history), and solid historical text/narrative from what I've read so far. But there's a perplexing omission...no map (old or modern) of the "Cowboy Rail Line" itself. Why on earth would you not include that, if for no other reason than to allow the reader to "place" the specific locations portrayed in the photos? There's a verbal geographic description at 7-8, but a basic map would have seemed an

obvious addition...particularly for a visual-oriented pictorial history. But this is no reason not to buy the book, which is a great short read or a nice "coffee table" book for the rail buff or Nebraska history fan...

WOW...good content. Good book.

Due to my age, this book shared more with older readers. Some of the stations still exist and are familiar to me. The people pictured seemed to mean more to the older people who read the book. Yet the one thing that was most peculiar to readers of any age was the title of the book calling this the "cowboy" rail line. I didn't see any pictures of boys in funny hats, nor do the older readers note any significant involvement of cowboys with the rail line. In fact one older gentleman noted that the cover picture best depicted the dress of those most closely involved in rail line. That being the sharp contrast of the actual dirty clothed workers and the fancy dress of the management.

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