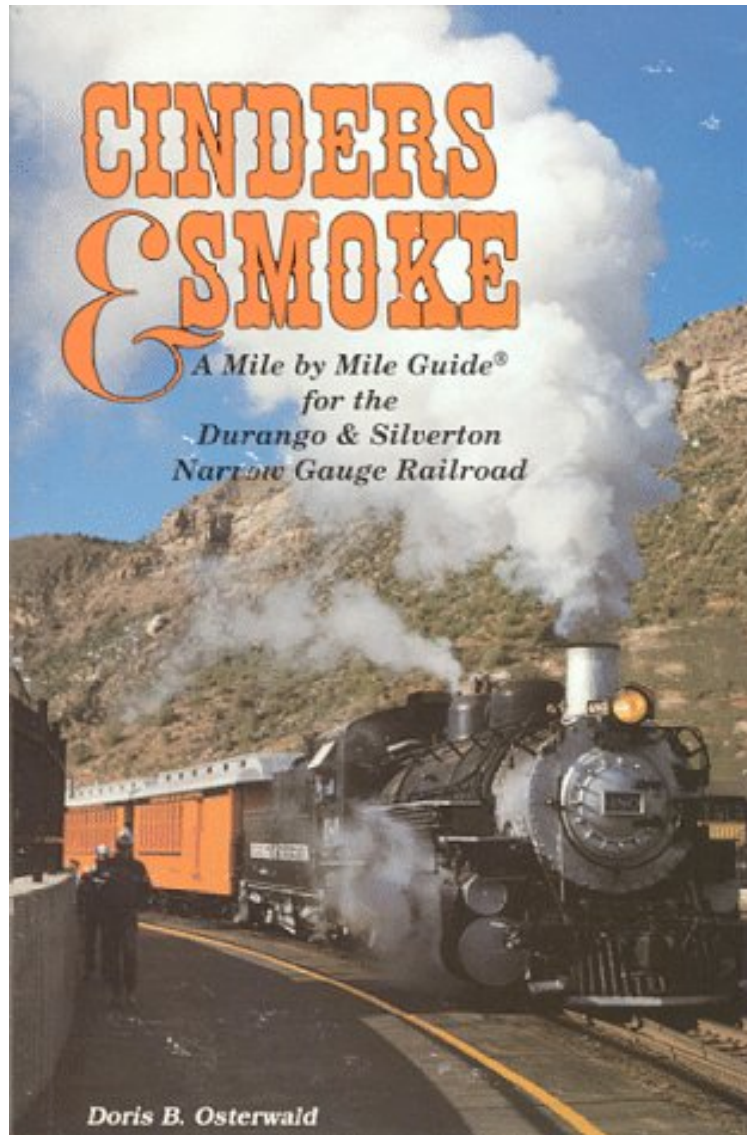


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**Doris B. Osterwald : Cinders Smoke: A Mile by Mile Guide for the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cinders Smoke: A Mile by Mile Guide for the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad:

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this railroad. The train ride itself is well worth it and I'm glad we didn't opt for the bus ride back down. You just can't see everything on both sides of the train at once. The book traces the rails mile by mile from Durango up to Silverton, using the mile markers by the track. My only complaint was I wish there had been more photographs showing these specific points. The photos were clearly pre-digital and didn't show up as well as they might have. Sometimes it is hard to figure out what mountain she is talking about. That's when a photo of the specific peak would help. The book includes a wealth of detail about the construction of the train, the design feats that enabled track to be laid along an almost sheer wall, and the wars between the various companies competing for the ownership of the route. In some of the more expensive train cars, narrators explain what you see as you go along. However, we opted for the cheap seats and then spent 90% of the time on the open-air gondola, so we couldn't hear anything anyway. So the boo was invaluable. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Old version but "better" than the new version? By Gordon H. Ripley I purchased "Cinders' and Smoke" for an impending photography trip to SW Colorado. I specifically wanted to get pictures of the trains amid the aspens. I found the book extremely helpful in knowing where we were as we traveled up to Silverton. I hope to someday hike part of the trip with my camera and take pictures along the way. The details in this book are sufficient to make such a trip possible. There is now a newer version of this book which I also purchased. The route details are much less shown and described but the color photographs make it more of a "picture" book. Both books are really good. when talking with the workers employed by the owners of the train I was repeatedly told that they preferred the "Cinders and Smoke" book over the newer version. I think it depends on what you are looking for. I would personally recommend either one but really liked the detail in this book because of the maps that showed the route the whole way. The new version has very limited maps. If you like trains and especially an exciting ride then this book is for you. Just a suggestion, the trip is a long one and I would recommend perhaps taking the train up to Silverton and returning by bus. We were totally exhausted upon our return by train. Finally, buy some clear glasses at the station for \$3 before boarding the train. the Cinders and Smoke can really irritate the eyes! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cinders and Smoke By Robert Wilhelm Cinders and Smoke by Doris B. Osterwald describes the important sights along the Durango Silverton Railroad. Excellent color pictures of Durango Silverton trains and beautiful mountain scenery. The book has an index as well as contents page. Excellent book. Robert Wilhelm

The 8th Edition of Cinders Smoke has been revised and updated with 11 new Black White photographs and 36 new color photographs. An additional nature section has been added with two pages of color photo.