

Annotated Bibliography - Pullman Porter

Erbsen, Wayne. *Railroad Fever: Songs, Jokes & Train Lore*. Asheville: Native Ground Music, 1998. Print. Discover railroad oddities, poetry of the rails, railroad diner lingo, strange railroad laws, flying railroads, train heroes and villains, hobo lingo and porters' secret codes. *Railroad Fever* contains the melody and tunes to many classic railroad tunes.

"The Evolution and History of the Union." *Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum*. N.p., 2013. Web. 21 Jan. 2016. <http://www.aprpullmanportermuseum.org/evo_history.html>. The website link provides a slide show of history related to the union. The site is maintained by the Chicago-based Pullman Porter museum.

Hughes, Lyn. *An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porters National Historic Registry of African American Railroad Employees*. Chicago: Hughes Peterson, 2007. Print. This book is unique because it contains an historical registry listing of African American Railroad employees who worked for the railroad between the late 1800's - 1969. The book tells their story and the history behind their struggle for inclusion into organized labor.

Kornweibel, Theodore. *Railroads in the African American Experience: A Photographic Journey*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 2010. Print. This book takes readers on an illustrated tour of the black railroad experience from slavery to Amtrak. With almost 200 images--many never before published--Theodore Kornweibel, Jr., examines the significant contributions of African Americans to the building, maintenance, operation, and profitability of the American railway system.

McKissack, Pat, and Fredrick McKissack. *A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter*. New York: Walker, 1995. Print. A chronicle of the first black-controlled union, made up of Pullman porters, who after years of unfair labor practices staged a battle against a corporate giant

resulting in a "David and Goliath" ending. The book has won many awards including the Coretta Scott King Award, Jane Addams Children's Book Award, and Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies. Each chapter starts with an excerpt of a poem or song.

Rising from the Rails: The Story of the Pullman Porter. AMS Production Group, 2007. Film. The film is based on the best-selling book by Larry Tye. This documentary chronicles the generations of African American men who served as caretakers to wealthy passengers on luxury trains that traversed the nation in the golden age of rail travel. Special Features: - Behind-the-Scenes Featurette - Rare Pullman Company Training Filmstrips with Sound - Pullman Car Slideshow - Archival Railroad Films.

Sanders, Nancy I. *A Kid's Guide to African American History: More than 70 Activities.* 2nd ed. Chicago: Chicago Review, 2007. Print. For parents and teachers interested in fostering cultural awareness among children of all races, this book includes more than 70 hands-on activities, songs, and games that teach kids about the people, experiences, and events that shaped African American history. This expanded edition contains new material throughout, including additional information and biographies.

Tramble, Thomas, and Wilma Tramble. *The Pullman Porters and West Oakland.* Charleston: Arcadia, 2007. Print. A hub of transportation and industry since the mid-19th century, West Oakland, California is today a vital commercial conduit and diverse community within the Greater Oakland metropolitan area. The catalyst that transformed this neighborhood from a transcontinental rail terminal into a true settlement was the arrival of the railroad porters, employed by the Pullman Palace Car Company as early as 1867.

Tye, Larry. *Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class.* New York: Henry Holt, 2005. Print. Drawing on extensive interviews with dozens of porters and their descendants, Larry Tye reconstructs the complicated world of the Pullman porter and

the vital cultural, political, and economic roles they played as forerunners of the modern black middle class. The book can provide background for teacher information and/or detailed research.

Welsh, Joe, Bill Howes, and Kevin J. Holland. *The Cars of Pullman*. Minneapolis: Voyageur, 2010.

Print. This illustrated history examines Pullman's diverse fleet, from its spectacular custom-built wooden cars of the nineteenth century to steel heavyweight cars in the prewar years and on into the lightweight streamlined era. Author Joe Welsh includes period photos, many in rare color, as well as car diagrams and ads that help trace the evolution of the Pullman fleet, including the gamut of sleeper, parlor, and restaurant cars.