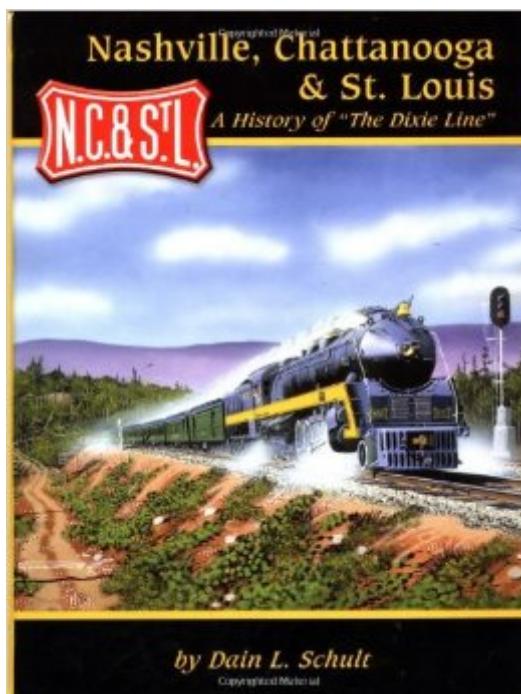


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# Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis - A History Of "The Dixie Line"



## **Synopsis**

A fascinating railroad stretching from Memphis to Atlanta, the NC&St.L has a history beginning in 1840, and stretching through the Civil War to a merger with its parent line in 1957. The photos, diagrams, and maps presented in this book will help you understand the development and operation of the line as a key link between Memphis and the Appalachians. The railroad used Mikados, Pacifics, and Mountain types, as well as the first 4-8-4s in the South. Leading the way were the bullet-nosed, semi-streamlined J3 class 4-8-4s known as the "Yellow Jackets". Also featured in the book are model railroads that use the NC&St.L as a prototype. Written in an easily readable style, this book will interest all fans of railroading in the South.

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I purchased this book on an impulse since there are so few books that cover the history of this railroad. I expected a typical railroad book full of interesting period pictures. I got that and far more. This is a complete and thorough corporate history. It details the problems of trying to build and run a railroad in eras that included war, depression and the robber barons from the north. Mr. Schult's writing style weaves this story within the context of the historical background of events outside the confines of the railroad. The heroes and villains that impacted the NC&St.L.'s success are well chronicled and creates a story of struggle between trying to build a strong company versus reigning in competition. The government's feeble attempts at crafting a national transportation policy end with an excellent chapter on the failed effort at nationalizing the nation's railroads during WW I. I

have always been interested in railroad history but I have never bought a book of this type where I can truly say that I had a hard time putting it down. A great read (plus great pictures).

In this book the history of the NC&St.L is told like no other railroad book I have read. It tells the complete story, including the historical background and events of building and maintaining the railroad; the back door way that the NC&StL lost it's identity and was merged with another railroad. I have always been interested in this railroad and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book and the way Mr. Sehult presents the story.

If you have the Prince book, then this is a must have. If you don't have the Prince book, it is still a must have. This book has some info not covered in the Prince book-dieselization, for example. So the book does well either as a companion to the Prince book, or on it's own. If you are a fan of the Louisville and Nashville(L&N), consider adding this book to your library as well. The eventual takeover by the L & N, and the politics involved are covered here. The text is both informative and entertaining. Lots of illustrations, too.

An excellent history of the NC&StL with several stories I had never seen before. Wish the photos had been larger.

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