

MURDER & MYSTERY ON THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

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The romance of the Great Western Railway and the Golden Age of steam holds a continuing fascination for many. In this book the reader is presented with a darker side of 'God's Wonderful Railway', one in which the author relates true and bizarre events that paint the railway in a chilling and sinister light. Drawing upon contemporary court records and newspaper accounts of the day the author recounts compelling stories of murder, death and mystery surrounding those who built, worked and travelled on the GWR.

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Finding the decapitated body of Jane Partridge



A bloodhound picks up the trail on the railway line.



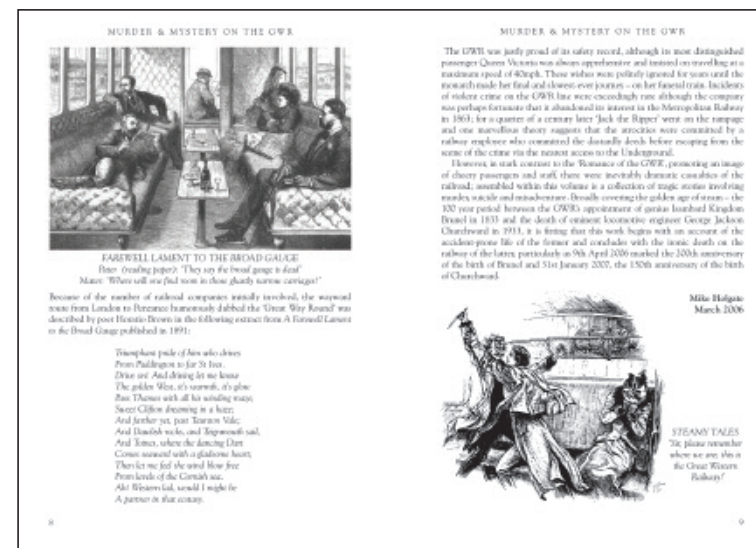
The stranded train on the Princetown branch line.



Newton Abbot Railway Station where Grant tried to commit suicide.



The gruesome discovery of a murder



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