

THE DAWN OF STEAM

Robin Jones

Born out of the Industrial Revolution, the railway locomotive may be seen as Britain's greatest gift to the world. It allowed continents to be opened up, new trade routes to be established and people to make journeys in a few hours that previously had taken several days. The single invention redrew the map of the globe and paved the way for the modern world, with the automobile and aeroplane following in its wake.

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He has been interested in railways from a very early age, when his elder brother Stewart took him trainspotting at Widney Manor station in Solihull at the age of four, at the end of the British Railways steam age.

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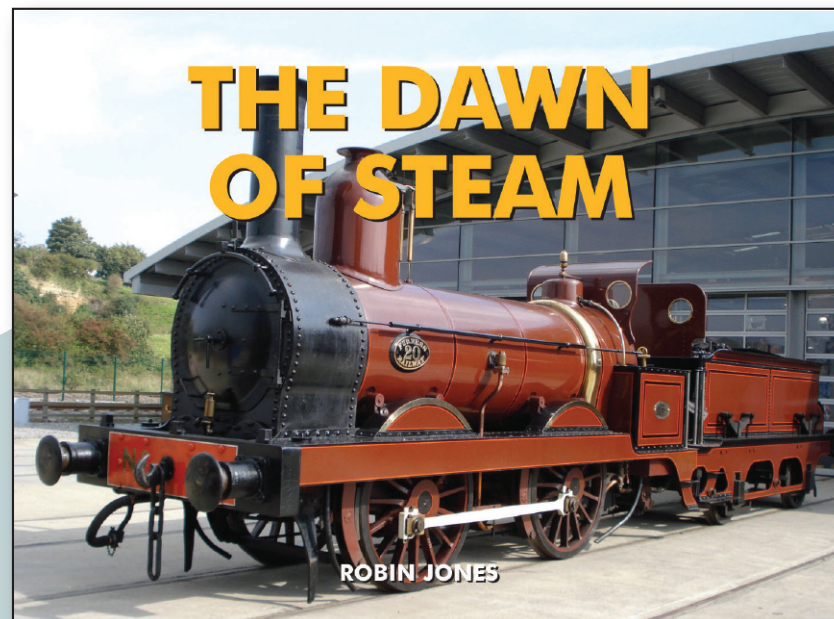
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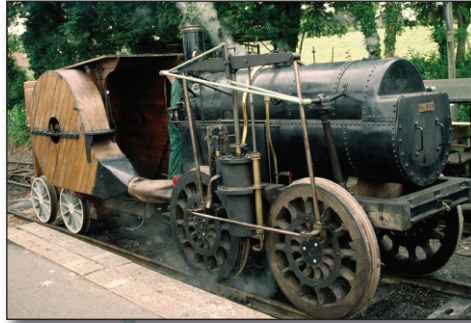


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A statue of Cornish giant of steam Richard Trevithick carrying a model of his 1804 locomotive inside the National Railway Museum at York.



French engineer Marc Seguin, a major influence on the Stephensons, patented a multi-tubular boiler in 1827 and two years later fitted one to a steam locomotive which became the first to run in France.



First class travel behind the new *Fire Fly*, 1840s style.



In 1845, 2-2-2 No 49 *Columbine* became one of the first locomotives to be built at the Crewe Works of the Grand Junction Railway, the world's first trunk railway when it opened in 1837. *Columbine* ran until 1902 and is now in the Science Museum.



London & North Western Railway 0-4-0 saddle tank No 1439, built in 1865, is now on display at Locomotion in Shildon.

Example of a double-page spread.



Left:
Using only a contemporary painting and basic sketches to produce a design as close to the original as possible, Beamish experts recreated the *Steam Elephant* of 1815 in 2006, to run on the museum's standard gauge Pockerley Waggonway. The original was designed by John Buddle and William Chapman for Tyneside's Wallsend Colliery.

Right:
George Stephenson built his first locomotive in 1815. Seven years later, with Nicholas Wood he constructed an 0-4-0 for Hetton Colliery in County Durham which remained in service until 1912. It is now displayed at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon.



Planet, a 2-2-0 built by Robert Stephenson in 1830 for the Liverpool & Manchester Railway, was the first locomotive to employ inside cylinders. A working replica was built by the Friends of the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester in 1992.