

THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

AND OTHER RAILWAY CRIMES

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The year 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of a train robbery considered the greatest crime of the twentieth century, now known to all as The Great Train Robbery. It is also the 125th anniversary of the Whitechapel Murders and the 175th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Victoria who narrowly missed murder at the hands of the Railway Assassin. All these and other great criminal cases are brought together in this new book.

Also included are the stories of executed criminals, John Tawell – a killer caught by the use of the railway telegraph; Franz Muller and Percy Lefroy, perpetrators of the shocking railway carriage murders; and Frederick and Maria Manning – under suspicion for their involvement in mail robberies.

Here also the author tells of how the nation's longest serving monarch was targeted by a gunman outside Windsor railway station in 1882, the theory that Jack the Ripper was an employee on the Metropolitan Railway in 1888 and the three most audacious heists in railway history: The Great Western Railway Robbery (1849), The Great Bullion Robbery (1855) and The Great Train Robbery (1963).

This unique collection of railway murders and robberies will thrill all those many readers who have a fascination for railways, and crime.



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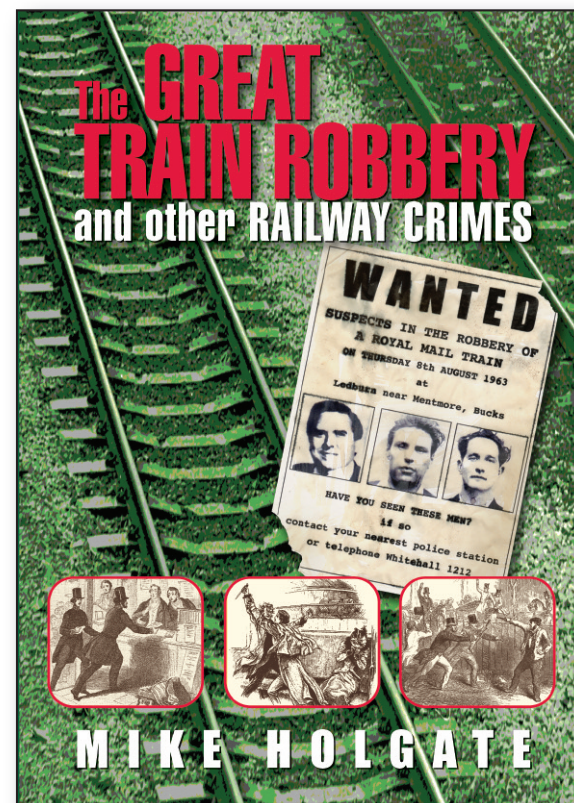
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