

Railroad Semantics

Better Living through Graffiti & Train Hopping (box set)

by Aaron Dactyl

"I am happy to see Mr. Dactyl in the right kind of print: something to slip into a daypack. May he have many more beautiful and infamous rail adventures and tell us all about them, before or after he loses his legs." —William T. Vollmann

"Freight trains were a huge part of my life for ten years. I painted them, studied them, benched them and got excited every time I found a new set of tracks to explore. I never rode a train or honestly had the desire. But every time I come across someone who has good stories I sit mesmerized, listening. Railroad Semantics finds those stories and presents them in a page-turning manner. Making books like this is a labor of love and the creator really has outdone himself." —Roger Gastman, *Freight Train Graffiti* and *Street World*

Devoted to train-hopping, graffiti, and railroad culture, Aaron Dactyl's *Railroad Semantics* series describes the sights, sounds, successes, and defeats of exploring the western U.S. by freight train. The first four *Railroad Semantics* books are collected here for the first time. In their pages, you'll see epic, hidden works of art, read up on rail lore and riding tips, meet rail workers and fellow adventurers, and experience the perils and glories of life in rail yards, train cars, small towns, and encampments.

SUBJECT: Travel Lit / Trains / Street Art
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FORMAT: Boxed set, 320 pages, 5.5x7"
CARTON QTY: 18
ART: b/w illustrations, photographs, and maps throughout

Marketing Notes

1. Provides information and inspiration for people who want to downsize and seek a new life of adventure
2. Full of train and route details and practical and cultural railroad lore of interest to railroad enthusiasts
3. Extensive photography and politics of graffiti art

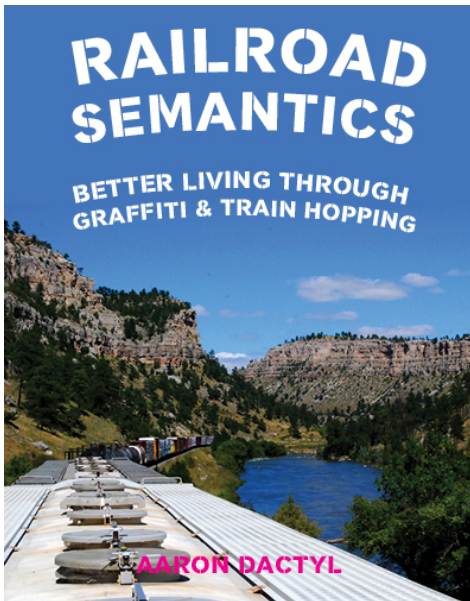
Comparative Titles

- *Mostly True* Bill Daniel 9781621064435 (Microcosm) \$9.95, 2012 (10,000 sold)
- *Railroad Semantics 4* Aaron Dactyl 9781621063742 (Microcosm) \$7.95, 2016
- *Dude Making a Difference* Rob Greenfield 9780865718074 (New Society) \$19.95, 2015



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