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# Labyrinths Of Iron Subways In History Myth Art Technology And War

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Labyrinths of Iron Benson Bobrick,1994-03-01 Traces the history and development of subways focusing on the systems in London Paris and New York

**Art and the Subway** Tracy Fitzpatrick,2009 Explores artistic production surrounding the world's most famous public transportation system from just before its opening in 1904 onwards Using images this work offers perspectives on ways in which the subway has been used as a subject about which to make art as a site within which to make art and as a canvas upon which to make art

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subterranean spaces into the fabric of the argument

**Riding the New York Subway** Stefan Hohne,2021-02-16 A history

of New York subway passengers as they navigated the system's constraints while striving for individuality or at least a smooth ride When the subway first opened with much fanfare on October 27 1904 New York became a city of underground

passengers almost overnight In this book Stefan Hohne examines how the experiences of subway passengers in New York City were intertwined with cultural changes in urban mass society throughout the twentieth century Hohne argues that

underground transportation which early passengers found both exhilarating and distressing changed perceptions

interactions and the organization of everyday life

**Inventing Modern** John H. Lienhard,2003-09-18 Modern is a word much used but hard to pin down In Inventing Modern John H Lienhard uses that word to capture the furious rush of newness in the first half of 20th century America An unexpected world emerges from under the more familiar Modern Beyond the airplanes

radios art deco skyscrapers Fritz Lang's Metropolis Buck Rogers the culture of the open road Burma Shave Kerouac and White Castles lie driving forces that set this account of Modern apart One force says Lienhard was a new concept of boyhood the risk taking hands on savage inventor Driven by an admiration of recklessness America developed its technological empire with stunning speed Bringing the airplane to fruition in so short a time for example were people such as Katherine Stinson Lincoln Beachey Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh The rediscovery of mystery powerfully drove Modern as well X Rays quantum mechanics and relativity theory had followed electricity and radium Here we read how with reality seemingly altered hope seemed limitless Lienhard blends these forces with his childhood in the brave new world The result is perceptive engaging and filled with surprise Whether he talks about Alexander Calder an engineer whose sculptures were exercises in materials science or that wacky paean to flight Flying Down to Rio unexpected detail emerges from every tile of this large mosaic Inventing Modern is a personal book that displays rather than defines an age that ended before most of us were born It is an engineer's homage to a time before the bomb and our terrible loss of confidence a time that might yet rise again out of its own postmodern ashes

**Subways** Lorraine B. Diehl, 2004 In Subways her highly anticipated follow up to

The Automat Diehl sets off on another sentimental journey recounting the true story of a city transformed by underground passageways

The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths Randal O'Toole, 2001

**Greater Gotham** Mike

Wallace, 2017-09-04 In this utterly immersive volume Mike Wallace captures the swings of prosperity and downturn from the 1898 skyscraper driven boom to the Bankers Panic of 1907 the labor upheaval and violent repression during and after the First World War Here is New York on a whole new scale moving from national to global prominence an urban dynamo driven by restless ambition boundless energy immigrant dreams and Wall Street greed Within the first two decades of the twentieth century a newly consolidated New York grew exponentially The city exploded into the air with skyscrapers jostling for prominence and dove deep into the bedrock where massive underground networks of subways water pipes and electrical conduits sprawled beneath the city to serve a surging population of New Yorkers from all walks of life New York was transformed in these two decades as the world's second largest city and now its financial capital thriving and sustained by the city's seemingly unlimited potential Wallace's new book matches its predecessor in pure page turning appeal and takes America's greatest city to new heights

*Master of War* Benson Bobrick, 2010-02-09 A first rate historian Benson Bobrick is the author of several celebrated books including *The Fated Sky* and *Testament* His work has been hailed as Lucid and vivid by *The New Yorker* elegant by *The Washington Post* Book World and engrossing detailed and gripping by *the Chicago Tribune* And *The New York Times Book Review* says Bobrick is perhaps the most interesting historian writing in America today A fascinating biography of an underappreciated American hero George H Thomas was Bobrick argues the greatest general of the Civil War Known as the Rock of Chickamauga Thomas was regarded by his contemporaries as the equal of Grant and Sherman In the entire Civil War he never lost a battle or a movement and he was the only Union commander to

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