

RAILROAD SEMANTICS #1

by AARON DACTYL

“Hiding in railroad yards, hopping freight trains, scenic panoramas, hobo camps, documenting railroad art, the joys of open air freedom, and the frustrations of living rough are all the focus of *Railroad Semantics*. Equal parts travel diary and railroad news roundup, it feels so immediate and adventurous that you can feel the breeze in the boxcar. A great artifact about railroad culture.” —**One Minute Zine Reviews**

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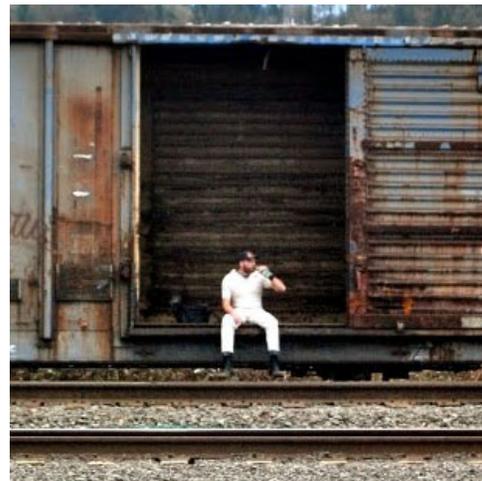
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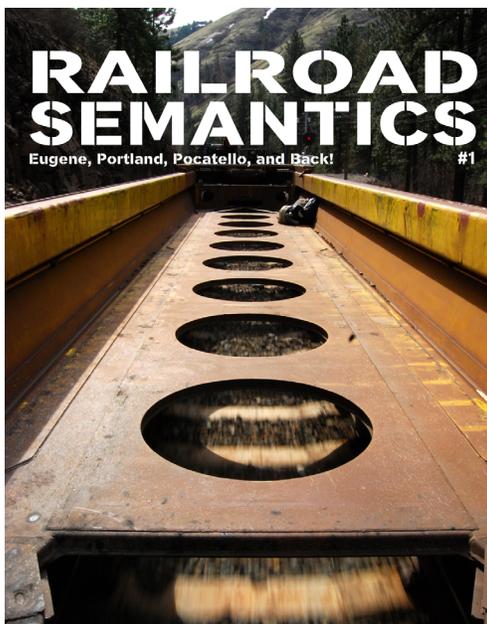
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