



Signalman's Twilight

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Amberley Publishing, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. 1445602571 In Signalman's Twilight, the second part of his trilogy, Adrian continues the story of his railway life in rural West Berkshire, moving from Uffington signal box to that at Challow early in 1962. The Western Region of British Railways was still, very much, Great Western Railway in spirit. The locomotives, men and equipment which served the merchants, farmers and shop keepers of the Vale of the White Horse with their fresh fish, coal, watercress, sugar beet, farm implements, horses - and Lyons cakes - were almost the same in 1962 as they had been in 1922. Any changes were such as fitted in perfectly with the older ways. Signalman's Twilight recalls the openness of the railway and the skill and commitment of the railwaymen. Adrian tells the amazing story of how Signalman Abrahams prevented what would have been a fatal train crash - just as he was about to start to demonstrate a new hymn he had learned for next Sunday's service. Adrian's admiration for the old-hand railway men knew no bounds. Then came modernization, dieselization, and station closures under Dr Beeching's 'Axe'. Adrian describes how he tried single-handedly to save Challow station only to...



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