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John Minnis : The Railway Goods Shed and Warehouse in England (Informed Conservation) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Railway Goods Shed and Warehouse in England (Informed Conservation):

Although goods traffic accounted in many cases for a higher proportion of railway companies' revenue than passengers, the buildings associated with it have received very little attention in comparison to their passenger counterparts. They once played as important a role in distribution as the 'big sheds' near motorway junctions do today. The book shows how the basic design of goods sheds evolved early in the history of railways, and how the form of goods sheds reflected the function they performed. Although goods sheds largely functioned in the same way, there was considerable scope for variety of architectural expression in their external design. The book brings out how they varied considerably in size from small timber huts to the massive warehouses seen in major cities. It also looks at how many railway companies developed standard designs for these buildings towards the end of the 19th century and at how traditional materials such as timber, brick and stone gave way to steel and concrete in the 20th. This building type is subject to a high level of threat with development pressure in urban and suburban areas for both car parking and housing having already accounted for the demise of many of these buildings. Despite this, some 600 have been identified as still extant and the book will, for the first time, provide a comprehensive gazetteer of the

surviving examples.

John Minnis' excellent new book. ... Clearly written and generously illustrated. ... More than a mere catalogue, the book is also attentive to questions of structure, materials and stylistic expression, and to the influences on the type from beyond the railways' boundaries. ... How these huge buildings functioned, from their clerical routines to the complex physical transfer of goods on, off and between wagons, is fascinating to read. -- Dr Simon Bradley * The Victorian, July 2017 *About the AuthorJohn Minnis is a senior investigator at Historic England and the author, most recently, of Boston, Lincolnshire. nbsp;