

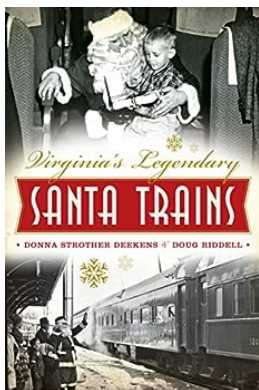
Discover the Magic of Virginia Legendary Santa Trains with Donna Strother Deekens

For over a century, the enchanting Virginia Legendary Santa Trains have been spreading joy and holiday spirit to children and families throughout Virginia. This magical tradition, spearheaded by the talented and dedicated Donna Strother Deekens, has stood the test of time, captivating generations with its timeless charm.

Donna Strother Deekens, a lifelong resident of Virginia and renowned event planner, is the driving force behind the success of the Virginia Legendary Santa Trains. With her unparalleled passion for creating memorable experiences, Deekens has transformed the holiday season for countless individuals.

The History of Virginia Legendary Santa Trains

The history of Virginia Legendary Santa Trains dates back to the early 1900s when the first train was introduced as a magnificent mode of transportation for Santa Claus to visit children in various towns and cities across Virginia. The idea quickly gained popularity, and the concept of Santa Trains became an integral part of Virginia's holiday culture.



Virginia's Legendary Santa Trains

by Donna Strother Deekens (Kindle Edition)

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Donna Strother Deekens, recognizing the immense potential of the Santa Trains, took on the challenge of modernizing and expanding the tradition in the early 2000s. With her extensive expertise in event planning and keen eye for detail, Deekens transformed the Santa Trains into a must-attend holiday spectacle.

Unforgettable Experiences for Children and Families

The Virginia Legendary Santa Trains have become synonymous with creating unforgettable experiences for both children and families. The meticulously planned train rides are adorned with festive decorations, twinkling lights, and, of course, Santa Claus himself onboard to spread cheer.

Donna Strother Deekens leaves no stone unturned when it comes to crafting enchanting memories. From meticulously selecting the train routes to ensuring a host of engaging activities and entertainment options on board, Deekens ensures that every aspect of the Santa Trains exceeds expectations.

Children and families are treated to an assortment of delightful surprises during their journey. From hot cocoa and freshly baked cookies to captivating storytelling sessions and lively musical performances, each moment on the Santa Trains is designed to bring smiles and joy to faces of all ages.

Expanding the Tradition Beyond Railroads

Under the visionary leadership of Donna Strother Deekens, the Virginia Legendary Santa Trains have expanded beyond the traditional railroads. Recognizing the need to make the experience accessible to all, Deekens introduced additional events and activities throughout the holiday season.

One such event is the "Santa's Workshop" where children can engage in exciting holiday-themed arts and crafts activities. Another popular addition is the "Santa's Village" – a charming festive market where families can find unique gifts, enjoy delectable treats, and immerse themselves in the holiday spirit.

A Legacy Preserved by Donna Strother Deekens

Donna Strother Deekens's unwavering dedication and passion for the Virginia Legendary Santa Trains have ensured the preservation of this cherished holiday tradition. Through her tireless efforts, she has not only brought joy to countless individuals but also inspired future generations to carry on the legacy.

The Virginia Legendary Santa Trains continue to be a magical experience that captures the essence of the holiday season. Thanks to the tremendous contribution of Donna Strother Deekens, this tradition lives on, filling the hearts of Virginians with warmth and wonder year after year.

Experience the Magic Yourself

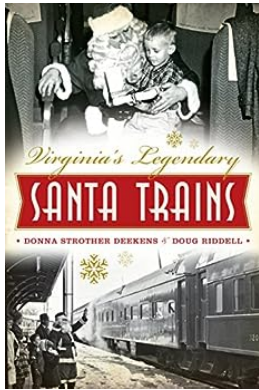
If you find yourself in Virginia during the holiday season, be sure not to miss the opportunity to experience the joy and wonder of the Virginia Legendary Santa Trains. Whether you choose to embark on a whimsical train ride or explore the enchanting Santa's Workshop and Village, you are guaranteed to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Join Donna Strother Deekens and the Virginia Legendary Santa Trains in celebrating the holiday season and embracing the magic that brings us all closer together.

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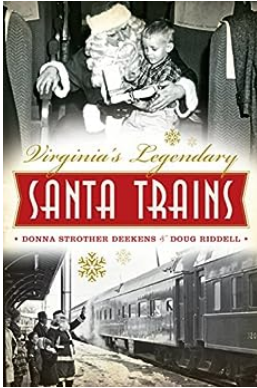


Beginning in the 1950s, department stores around the Commonwealth teamed up with rail lines to create a magical Christmas adventure: the Santa Train. Delight-filled children from Richmond and Alexandria to Roanoke flocked to see and ride the trains sponsored by Miller & Rhoads, Cox's Department Store, J.C. Penney and many others. These majestic trains rode the rails across Virginia with old Saint Nick himself. Join railroad author Doug Riddell and former Miller & Rhoads Snow Queen Donna Strother Deekens as they recount heartwarming memories of Christmases past and chronicle the history of Virginia's Kris Kringle trains.



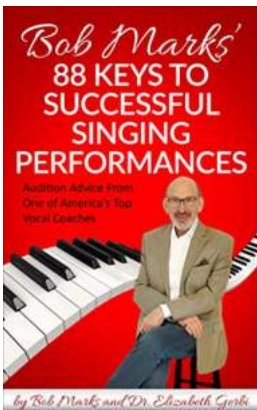
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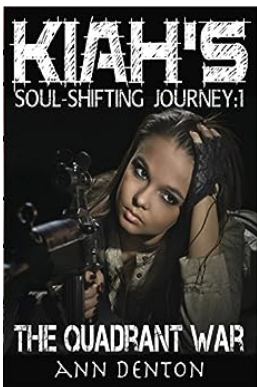
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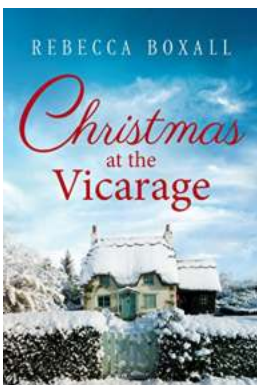
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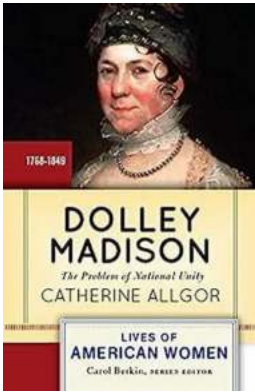
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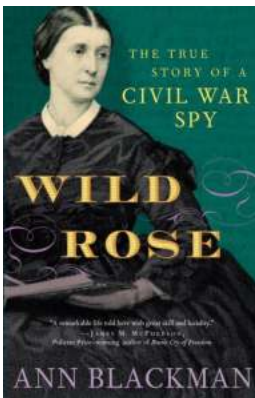
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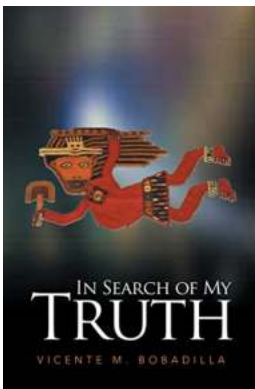
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