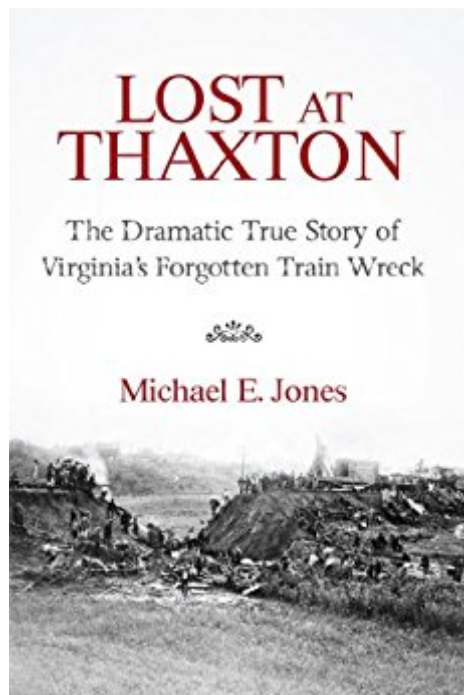




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Lost At Thaxton: The Dramatic True Story Of Virginia's Forgotten Train Wreck



Synopsis

A storm like no one had ever seen caused tiny Wolf Creek in Thaxton, Virginia, to rage in the darkness of night. An earthen fill that carried the railroad over the creek could not withstand the power of the rising water, and Norfolk & Western passenger train Number Two plummeted into a hole in the earth. There in the valley beneath the shadow of the towering Peaks of Otter, passengers and crew scrambled from the wreckage and water in a life-or-death struggle. The best and worst of humanity were on display in the small hours of the night, as some worked heroically to rescue those trapped in the debris while others stood by concerned only for themselves. A terrible fire ensued, and those who remained trapped were consumed by the flames. The bloodied and battered survivors suffered through four more hours of isolation and torture in the rain alongside the burning wreckage before help would finally arrive. Written and extensively researched by the great-great grandson of the railroad section master at Thaxton, *Lost at Thaxton* tells the forgotten true story of one of the worst railroad accidents in the history of Virginia and the people who lived and died that night.

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Customer Reviews

As a native of Virginia I found this to be a well written and researched book. While the train wreck near Thaxton, Virginia has been largely forgotten, the writer brings the night to life with a wealth of information. That he was able to do so without weighing the book down with trivia speaks well to both his skill a writer and his clear fascination with the subject.

This was a interesting non-fiction book about a massive train wreck in the late 1800's. The part of the book leading up to the wreck and immediately after the wreck was interesting. I really didn't enjoy the part of the book that told you about each passenger, because a lot of that part of the book was guessing facts about the people because there was no information on some of the people who were on the train.

This is a good story well told. Lots of drama and unexpected twists. The writing is a bit hyperbolic at times, but it's a good read. Clearly evokes the period.

A good narrative of a 19th century train wreck most people have never heard of. A lot of research done to not only get the story of the accident, but also of the people involved. Accident site is on my "must see" list the next time I'm in that area.

I thought this book was very interesting. I live not far from Thaxton and didn't even know about this accident until I saw the book advertised. I learned a lot about the area in the pass history. I think this is a great book and would recommend it to others to read. Matter of fact I have 3 other family members reading it and I will donate it to the Bedford Co library. I checked with them and they didn't even know about the book either. Wonderful book!

Great research and documentation of a significant event in its day that is made more dynamic by the author's in depth coverage of the people on board the train.

I liked this book because it was very interesting to say the least. I grew up in Thaxton, and as a kid, played in the area where the wreck took place. I also am familiar with the entire route that the train traveled. So, this book got my attention on page one, and held it til the end.I'd recommend this book

to just about anyone, because it's that damn good!!Yours Truly,Anthony W. Orange

True story and a wealth of research combined to make a great read. I love to look into the past and learn something, even if it involved tragedy.

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