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Southern Pacific's Heavy Pacific Locomotives: Classes P-8, P-9, P-10, P-12, P-13 and P-14

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Shade Tree Books, 2014. softcover. Book Condition: New. Southern Pacific's Heavy Pacific Locomotives: Classes P-8, P-9, P-10, P-12, P-13 and P-14. This is a serious locomotive book, not simply a photo album, in the tradition of Bob Church or Joe Strapac. Amply illustrated with detail photos, early-day roster shots, and lively action photography. Heavily researched and cross-checked. Author Terry Johnson begins his study with a discussion of ALCO number 50,000?a 1912 demonstrator that pushed the envelope of modern passenger locomotive design. SP's own heavy Pacific locomotives were part of the post-Harriman era, when SP spent millions replenishing and modernizing rolling stock worn out during World War I. New technology became available in the early 1920s, including wagon-top boilers, feedwater heaters and Delta trailing trucks with boosters. As SP and Baldwin engineers developed classes P-8 through P-13, all these features were put to work. Even though SP was concurrently buying larger 4-8-2 locomotives for its heaviest trains, the 4-6-2 type was continually improved. This book also addresses the former El Paso & Southwestern #3120-3129, which were added as coal burners in 1924 and continually refined to better fit them in with SP's home team. A chapter is also devoted to the...



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