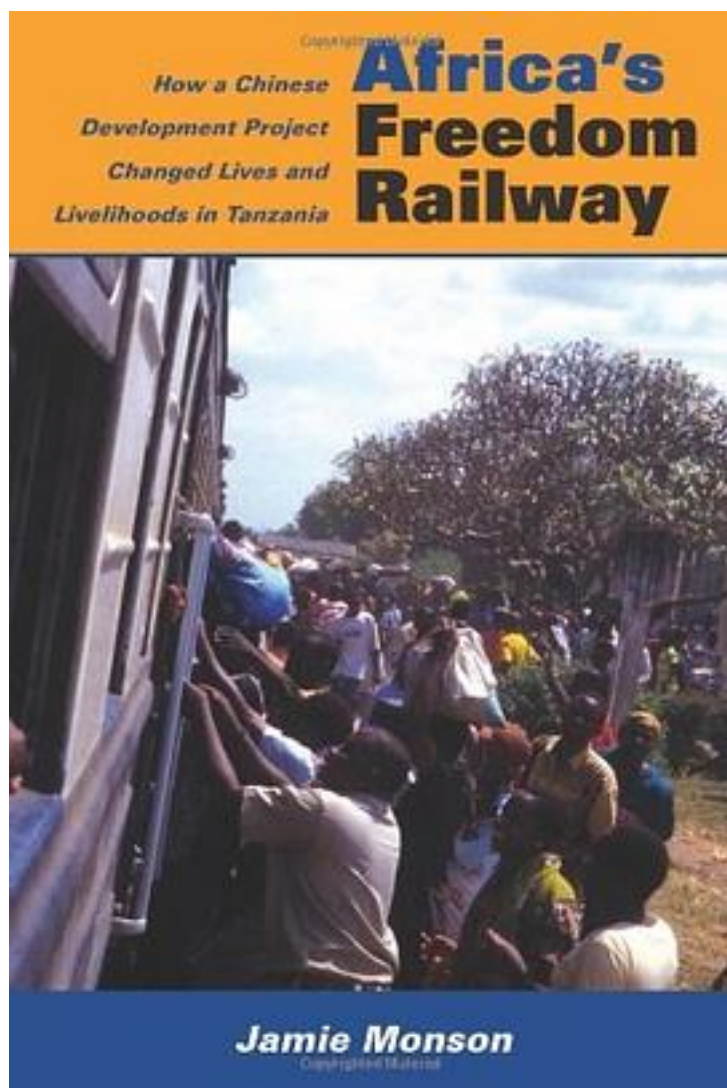


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The TAZARA (Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority) or Freedom Railway stretches from Dar es Salaam on the Tanzanian coast to the Copperbelt region of Zambia. The railway, built during the height of the Cold War, was intended to redirect the mineral wealth of the interior away from routes through South Africa and Rhodesia. After being rebuffed by Western donors, newly independent Tanzania and Zambia accepted help from communist China to construct what would become one of Africa's most vital transportation corridors. Drawing on first-hand experiences of engineers and laborers together with life histories of traders who used the railway, Jamie Monson tracks the railroad from its design and construction to its daily use as a passenger train that provided an important means for moving people and goods from one village to another. This engaging history reveals how transnational interests contributed to environmental change, population movements, the rise of local and regional economic enterprise, and one of the most sweeping development transitions in post-colonial Africa.

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一条铁路的前世今生，总体是一个完整的故事。作者的核心思路是跳出官方的发展蓝图而考察铁路为它的建造者和使用者们带来了什么：无论作为筑路工人，护路村民还是沿线贸易者，下层人民都不是被动接受方而是“发展”理念的积极参与者和话语缔造者。使用大量口述史料，展现了铁路建设期间中坦人民的同甘共苦，乌贾马时代村庄化带来的矛盾与混乱，以及结构调整时期沿线经济新的繁荣和移民冲突。但是所谓中国模式（劳力密集+艰苦朴素？）对作为整体的坦桑尼亚乃至第三世界发展理念的影响涉及较少，可能是太注重底层视角了

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