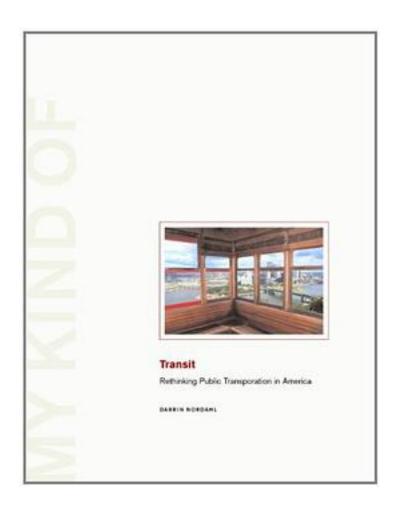
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In America's car-dominated landscape, public transit has long played second fiddle, but rising gasoline prices and the global warming crisis point to a need for alternative means of transportation. Darrin Nordahl sets the stage for these efforts by proposing that the experience of public transit and the quality of the ride are pivotal to its

success."My Kind of Transit" explores America's most beloved transit systems and how they work. From San Francisco's cable cars to Pittsburgh's funiculars to the streetcars of New Orleans, Nordahl recounts a transportation history of both short-sighted planning and visionary policies, and reveals that current American transit systems contain many key elements for successfully expanding public transportation. "My Kind of Transit" explains the characteristics of ideal transit, or 'passenger enrichment,' such as transit vehicles that offer views of the surrounding landscape and systems that enable diverse peoples to interact. To succeed, public transportation must be a uniquely enjoyable experience for riders. "My Kind of Transit" thus offers a radical vision of civic engagement that occurs when we step out of our cars and onto the train.

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