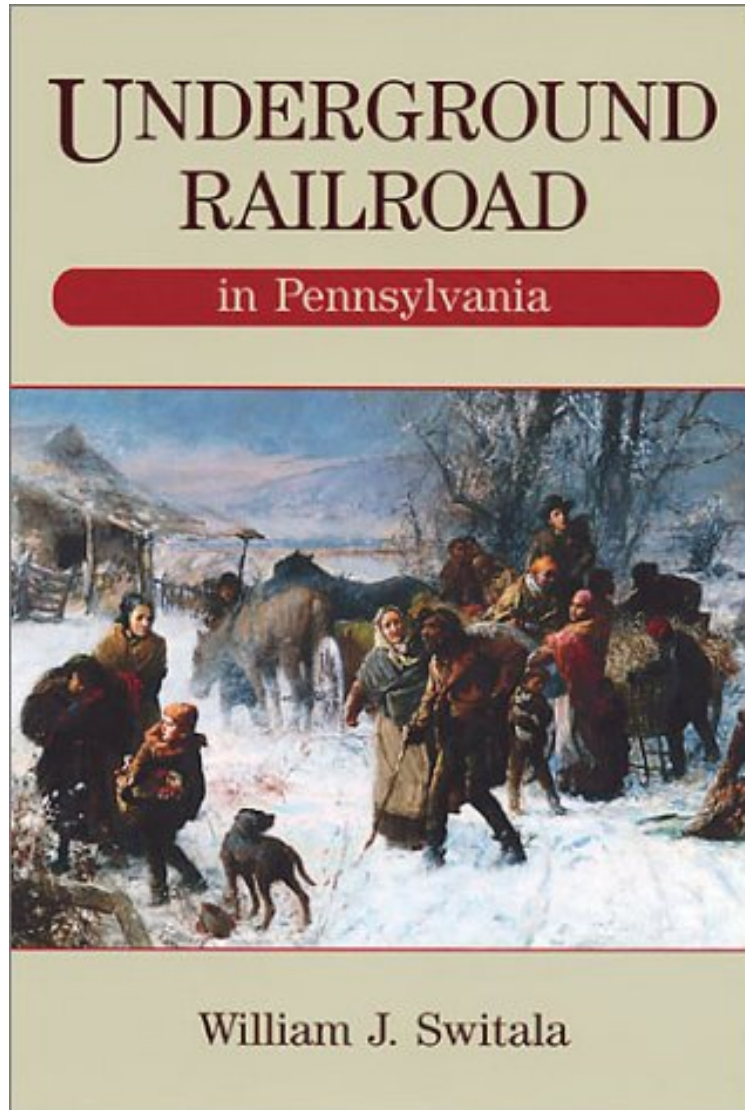


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Includes detailed maps of the known routes and railroad sites. Organized in antebellum America to help slaves escape to freedom, the Underground Railroad was cloaked in secrecy and operated at great peril to everyone involved. The system was extremely active in Pennsylvania, with routes in all parts of the state. This book retraces those routes, discusses the large city networks, identifies the houses and sites where escapees found refuge, and records the names of the people who risked their lives to support the operation.

From the PublisherIncludes detailed maps of the known routes and railroad sites.About the AuthorWilliam J. Switala is a former professor of education at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the author of several textbooks on Pennsylvania history. He has been researching the Underground Railroad for more than ten years and has lectured extensively on the subject.