

One of the Last

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D. M. Quimby : One of the Last before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One of the Last:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "Greatest Generation" Life of a WWII Persian Gulf Command and CBQ Locomotive Engineer By Russ Quimby This is the self-published autobiography of Donovan "Bing" Quimby, growing up in small town Nebraska, going to (Persia) Iran in WWII, and returning to a lifelong career as a locomotive engineer for the BN, nee CBQ, railroad. It is a "tale told over a beer," easy to read, sincere, interesting, and at times hilarious. Most of the book deals with railroading and will be of interest to both railroad fans and historians. As personal history, it has romance, adventure, and emotion. As a railroad history, it explains the trials and tribulations of a steam and early diesel locomotive engineer. It is also a personal insight into the WWII military railway operations of the little known logistical Persian Gulf Command (PGC) in supporting delivery of equipment and supplies to the Russians. Only 200 original copies were printed. Those interested in WWII, railroading, or just the "greatest generation" will find it interesting and entertaining. As they say, "This can't be made up." Read and enjoy.

Fascinating autobiography of Bing Quimby, one of the last engineers to run a steam locomotive in the United States. A quintessential small town boy, the author describes his youth growing up in Nebraska in the 1920s, bumming his way to California in his teens (and getting into scrapes along the way), working as a fireman for the railroad, serving in the Army during World War II where his locomotive delivered supplies to the Russians from Iran, and then the years as

an engineer of steam locomotives back home before making the transition to diesel. Illustrated with black and white photos. 232 pages.