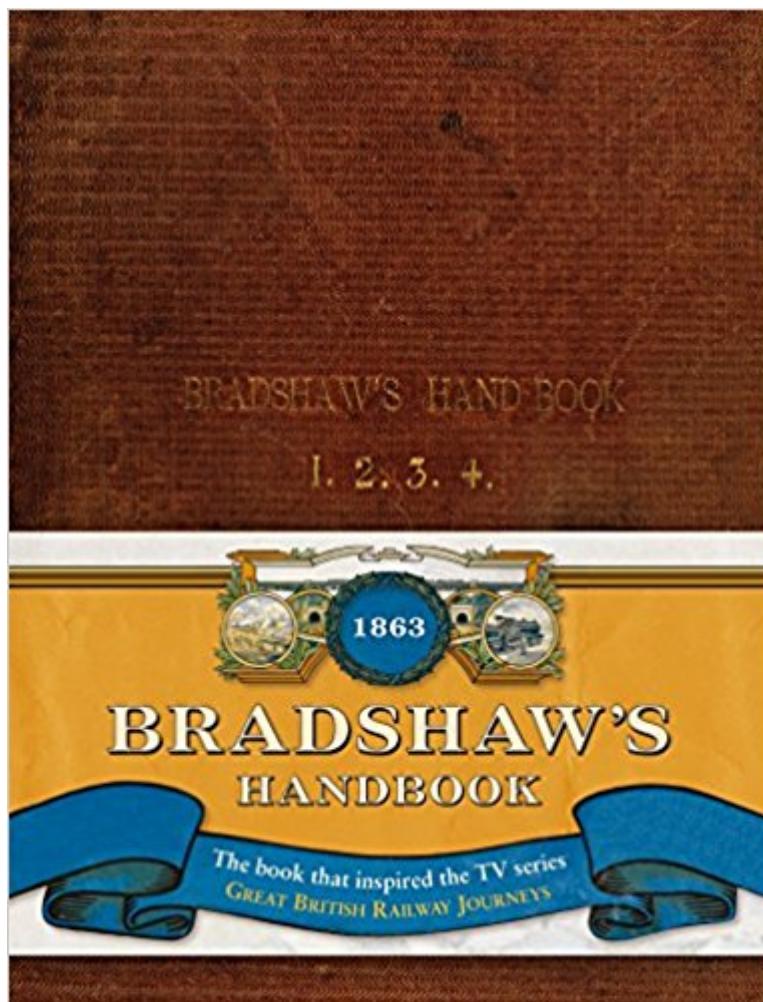


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# Bradshaw's Handbook (Old House)



## Synopsis

Collector's item, landmark in the history of the tour guide, snapshot of Britain in the 1860s  
Bradshaw's Handbook deserves a place on the bookshelf of any traveller, railway enthusiast, historian or anglophile. Produced as the British railway network was reaching its zenith, and as tourism by rail became a serious pastime, it was the first national tourist guide specifically organized around railway journeys, and to this day offers a glimpse through the carriage window at a Britain long past. Bradshaw's Descriptive Railway Hand-Book of Great Britain and Ireland was published in four parts, describing the sights to be seen in towns and cities encountered along selected railway journeys in each region. Gathered together into a single book, it bore the short title Bradshaw's Handbook and after a few years, passed into obscurity, remaining extremely rare to this day. This is facsimile of that book, possibly the only surviving example of the 1863 edition. The original Bradshaw's Handbook inspired the BBC2 television series Great British Railway Journeys, now preparing for a fourth season.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

George Bradshaw became famous for producing the world's most successful and longest running combined railway timetable - a publication to be found in the library of every Victorian traveller. But in the middle of the 19th century, with the railway network reaching its peak, his company shifted focus to tourist guides, such as this one, designed for the rail traveller.

I purchased this version of the book after reading reviews of the facsimile against the reprinted version which said the facsimile was the better reproduction wise. I am pleased with the content of the book and the presentation of the book however the text is too small for my poor old eyes. As the age group who would be most interested in reading this book would probably be the older variety the size of the text could be a problem. Overall though, I am very pleased with the purchase.

The text is very small and not easy to read. Most of the maps, an essential part of the book, are NOT included, so I was very disappointed. The maps in Baedeker's Great Britain of 1906 are far superior and Baedeker is a great historical document.

This book came in handy for me as I have the Great railway Journeys of Great Britain on DVD with Michael Portillo, in these DVDs he follows this book and I was able to follow along as well and this made watching the DVDs more enjoyable.. The book is well detailed and the pictures are also well drawn the maps are finely done and well presented for its time of publishing its a pity it couldn't be published as it was in the real book and that all the maps were not reproduced as well over all its a great book for any train enthusiast..

Such fun to read and should also be accompanied by watching the 6 series of Michael Portillo using the Bradshaw to travel around Britain today comparing Britain of yesteryear with Britain of today! Wonderful

Great book

As a Sherlockian this book is indispensable even though it's of a time that's earlier than the 1880's. It did not have a map of London even though it did list it in the table of contents. The written descriptions of places, areas and "things" are adequate. I would recommend getting a map or maps of 1860 to 1900 England and London.

I know why Michael Portillo uses it as his guide. Wonderful. I would love to do more Great British Railway Journeys with it as a companion!

Excellent historic record of U.K. Railroads.

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