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Good Night Old Man



Synopsis

In this captivating first person POV, the author tells his story about what it was like to be a Morse Telegraph Operator. Good Night Old Man will take you back in time to discover a medium that has long since declined as a method of everyday communication. Telegraph was the leading edge technology of its time and the precursor to many of our modern communication outlets. From 1844 to 1972, this form of communication was relayed all over the world through the language of Morse and other codes. Although still in use by ham operators and club enthusiasts, few landline commercial operators remain who can tell the story of dots and dashes with as much passion and memory as George Campbell. The dream of becoming a commercial Morse operator required not only skill but took a passionate, determined dedication to the learning of Morse code. It took patience and lots of practice to master hearing, typing and translating the messages being received and sent. At 85, George Campbell can still converse in the language he used during the 1940s and 1950s in a job where he found so much delight that it did not feel like work. • Step back into a slice of Canada's communication history and share George's story, Good Night Old Man. -30-

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Customer Reviews

If telegraph keys, relays, sounders and other paraphernalia fascinate you, this book will give you a

"view" of the men and women who lived by the key, and the times they lived in. It's not a suspenseful novel, but it is an interesting story made up of little details that are only available to us in a retrospective like this. Those little details "round-out" the story of land-line telegraph told in personal and museum collections of the hardware. A good read for those of us who caught the (no pun intended) bug.

This is a well written story of the people and technology, some of which still lives on in the amateur radio domain. Anyone interested in the railroad, radio or telegraph and the culture of the time will find something to enjoy reading this book.

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