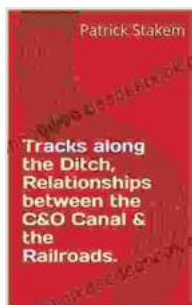


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## The Erie Canal

The Erie Canal was a 363-mile long canal that connected the Great Lakes to the Hudson River. It was built between 1817 and 1825, and it was one of the most important transportation projects in the history of the United

States. The canal allowed farmers in the Midwest to ship their crops to the East Coast, and it also allowed manufactured goods from the East to be shipped to the West. The canal played a major role in the development of the Midwest, and it helped to make the United States a major economic power.

## **The Railroads**

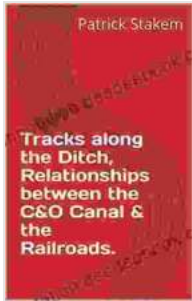
The railroads were another important transportation technology that helped to open up the West. The first railroads were built in the 1830s, and they quickly became the preferred method of transporting goods and people over long distances. The railroads made it possible to transport goods from the East Coast to the West Coast in a matter of days, and they also made it possible to transport goods from the Midwest to the South. The railroads played a major role in the development of the West, and they helped to make the United States a more unified nation.

## **The Westward Expansion**

The westward expansion of the United States was a major event in the history of the country. The westward expansion began in the early 19th century, and it continued until the late 19th century. During this time, millions of people moved from the East Coast to the West Coast. The westward expansion was driven by a number of factors, including the desire for land, the desire for economic opportunity, and the desire for adventure. The westward expansion had a profound impact on the United States, and it helped to shape the country into what it is today.

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