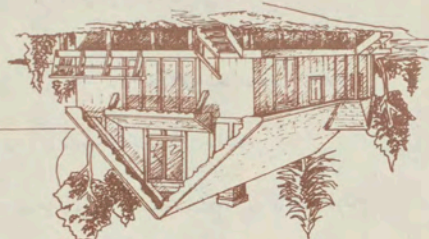


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Dear Sir:

We enjoy very much your Book notes program and thank you for many hours of information and entertainment.

We don't know how you choose your books and authors to interview but we have a suggestion to offer.

Augustus J. Veenendaal, Jr., a government historian, with offices in The Hague, is a neighbor of our daughters. When he's not researching the town minutes compiled by the clerk in a small Dutch village in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, or some such project, his busy writing books about railroads, his hobby, pursued in a very scholarly way. His Slow Train to Paradise, How Dutch Investment Helped Build American Railroads was published by the Stanford University Press in 1996. This past August, another book, The St. Paul and Pacific R.R., an



Empire in the Making 1862-1879 was published by Northern Illinois University Press. He's now translating into English a book he wrote in Dutch, The Iron Road in a Land of Water, 1834-1958, about railroads in the Netherlands.

He's travelled extensively in the states, speaks perfect English, and is a charming, delightful fellow. He's given papers at numerous American colleges and is coming over again in the spring of 2000 for a book signing. We believe he would be a pleasant change from the many political writers who may be beseeching you for air time in an election year.

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Sincerely yours,

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