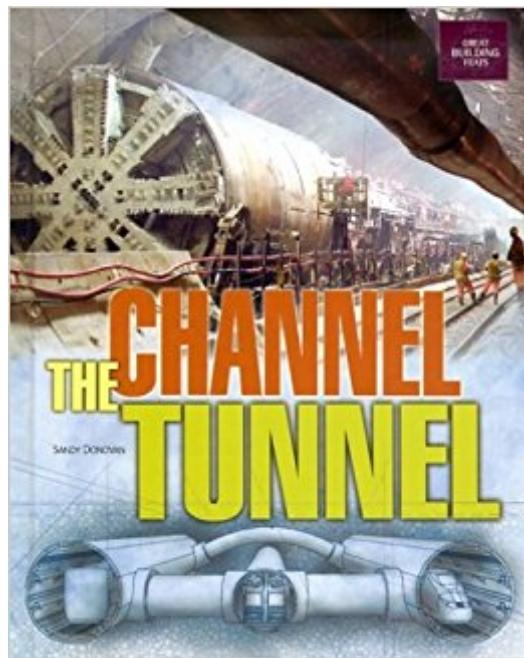


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# The Channel Tunnel (Great Building Feats)



## **Synopsis**

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Grade 6-9-Donovan traces the history of the Channel Tunnel from Napoleonic times to the present through accessible text, color and black-and-white photos and reproductions, and a time line of the actual construction. The diagrams and pictures are particularly helpful in explaining the construction process. Throughout the book, the author is careful to present the sides of the French and British without bias. Each chapter progresses chronologically, beginning with a brief history of the English Channel, and ending with the successes and issues that the Chunnel faces today. This is an excellent resource for science, physics, and history reports. Donovan's clear writing, her documentation of sources, a detailed index, and a solid list of sources for further study place The Channel Tunnel above par as research material. An easy-to-use resource that would complement any collection.Delia Fritz, Mercersburg Academy, PA  
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Needed this for a school project. It provided lots of detailed information. Good book. Recommend for anyone interested in learning about the Chunnel.

This little volume (hardback edition) introduces the reader to the size and complexity of the English Channel tunnel, or "Chunnel" project and gives a brief history of the idea for it. It took a good many years to get the thing under way, since the British historically did not want mainland Europe to have easier access to England than was afforded by the notably uncomfortable boat passage across the choppy waters of the English Channel. I found a couple of questionable numbers on pages 28 and 29 that cast a little suspicion on the technical veracity of the book. But I guess I should accept that the author is an all-purpose writer who probably finds herself straying into subject areas that she doesn't fully understand. Perhaps the publisher should employ some competent pre-publication reviewers.

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