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by *Christopher Martin*

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by Steven Brindle

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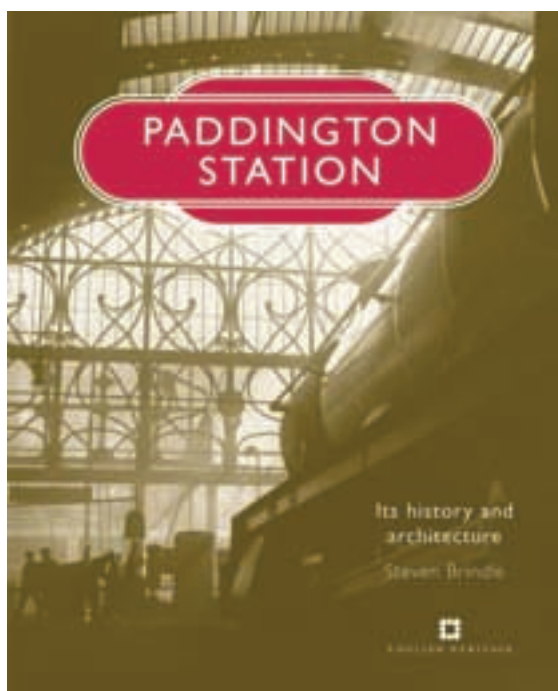
ascend the staircase the whole tremendous interior reveals itself.

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