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Letters to the Editor

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In their reply to my Letter, David Thompson and Chris Jones find nothing wrong with the lack of references concerning the generation of trans-Rayleigh bow waves in Chapter 12 of the book “Railway Noise and Vibration: Mechanisms, Modelling and Means of Control”. Their main arguments are that their book is a ‘textbook which does not set out to provide a historical review’ and that it has a ‘tutorial approach’. However, to me, their book looks more like a research monograph than a textbook, particularly in Chapter 12 where there are few traces of the claimed ‘tutorial approach’. Finally, even if such an approach is used, it should strive to give accurate information about who did what and when.

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