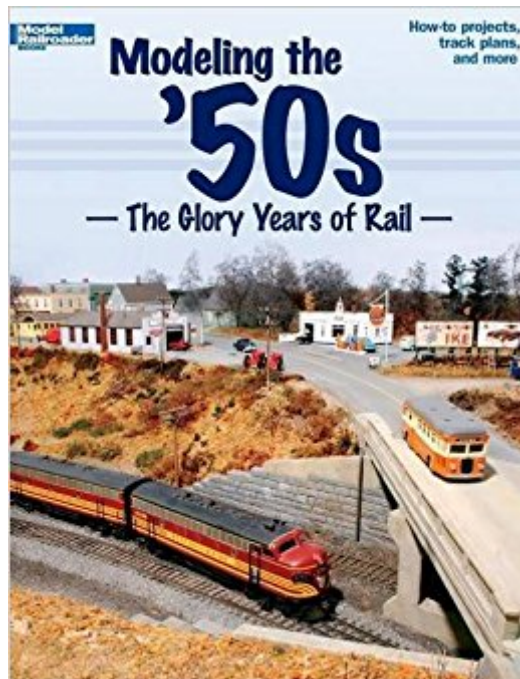




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Customer Reviews

This book is filled with great information for the modelers interested in the late steam to early diesel during the transition eras of the 1940's into the late 1950's. The only draw back I have with the book, is that the Model Railroader staff seems to believe that the general Railroad Modeling public can only digest 87 pages worth of information at one time! If you're a Southern Pacific fan this is a nice read...I just wish it would have been twice as many pages, and covered more roads...especially the Northern tier Roads like the NP, GN, CB&Q, CNW, Milwaukee Road, Pennsylvania, NYC to Maine Central, to name just a few. Overall, its a nice read and I would recommend it as an addition to your library.

This book gives the reader/modeler lots of pictures of real trains, both steam and diesel, that ran during this time period. The weathering and locomotive detailing instructions are well written, as well as the passenger car information that can be applied to other road named railroads. The section on vintage trucks was excellent, with all the colored pictures to show all the details and variety of trucks

used in the 50's. Pictures of the buildings and signage of this period are shown through out the book, and give the modeler a view of large city buildings to small town structures and even gas stations. There is great material in this book for all levels of modelers who are interested in seeing railroading during its glory years. I consider myself to be an advanced modeler and feel this book gives me new information and photos that will help me during construction of my next HO layout; it will be a reference source in my train library.

I like the book but it is somewhat disconnected. If you go to a chapter heading looking for something in particular the author may start out discussing the chapter topic, but then he wanders off into another story or topic. That said there are still many useful sections and pieces of value.

I am soon to be building a new model railroad after an approximate 20 year break in the hobby. This time I will be concentrating my modeling to the mid 50's era of the Pennsylvania RR. The information found in this book gives good pointers as what to watch out for or things to include to create a believable point in time. This book also gives information as to where to find or create accessories that are relevant to this era.

Modeling the late 1940s and early 1950s is my goal for my HO layout. This is the era I grew up in and represents the clean, honest and somewhat innocent or naive period of history for the U.S. It was also a time for grand experiments, forward thinking and just a spirit of doing great things. I am going to try and capture a small part of that spirit. While I remember a lot there are details that have been lost and this book helps to bring them to remembrance and also provide accurate details that have long since faded from memory. That is why recording history is so important: it keeps us honest and also instructs future generations. While skimming through the pages I found item after item that brought back many fond memories and acquaintances that I had almost forgotten. So, not only is this an excellent source for those modeling this era but is also an excellent source of details that can guide and also refresh those cobwebbed areas of the memory banks. I have thoroughly enjoyed just reading it and I am sure I will have a lot of fun re-creating the visage of this era on my layout. I definitely would recommend this book for modelers and historians too!

I recently purchased a copy of this book to learn more about the railroading industry in the 50s. The book provides a good overview of what railroading in 50s looked like in the US, and provides good tips and how-to's on how to make the model railroad look the right way. For example, the book

includes information on how steam locomotives were weathered at that time due to lack of maintenance, how diesels weathered, right of way trackside structures still present in the 50s, or details such as the fact that stop signs were yellow instead of red. The narration of the book is centered around several model railroads which are used as examples. Overall I strongly recommend it to anyone who is interested in modeling the 50s, the transition era, and has not lived during that time :-)

I am building an HO scale trolley layout and this book is a great reference for the era that I have chosen to model, The delivery was super quick and well protected. The item description was as described and well worth the purchase. I would recommend it to anyone who is building a layout or diorama of th 1950's era.

received my book and was somewhat disappointed, has articles from previous contributors to Model Railroader Magazine, Same basic ideas and drawing from previous Mr articles , not what I expected for the price , in my honest opinion Way over priced ,,, sorry

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