

The Big Book of Lionel

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16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Hardcover version...By TrainmasterThe author has written several books on Lionel (and other hobbies) and while they are NOT comprehensive, detailed books, they do a good job introducing you to the hobby and the things you can achieve with Lionel Trains. Even the advanced modeler can pick up something here and there. Overall, a good purchase.*Just a 'heads-up' to anyone looking to purchase this book, but Barnes and Noble bookstores has a hardcover version at \$9.95! While I bought my copy at last year, when it first came out, at the higher price, I also bought a hardcover copy from BN for durability and ease of use. Just saying.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great intro to model railroading with LionelBy okdocFor someone who wants a general introduction to Lionel products and the thought process that goes into making your own custom layout, this is the book for you. This is in no way a step by step book. And you don't want it to be, because it would simply be too exhaustive to be practical. This steps you through the process. It takes you to a general working knowledge of all the Lionel components, and makes you ready to start researching the specifics. For instance, this book does a great job of explaining 0-72, and the fact that it will let you run all the trains in the catalog. It explains very well the fact that 0-72 is also difficult to achieve, because it is a 5 foot radius, and for those of us who don't have unlimited space, we may not be able to run the grandest and longest trains and cars in the catalog. It also does a great job, explaining wiring. It explains the various bench options in detail, but does not give step-by-step directions on how to build it. Bottom line: it doesn't give you a step by step, but it gives you working knowledge, and that is why this is why this book is indispensable.So what I am trying to say, is that this is a must read, but it will not be the last book

that your purchase, either.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **Might Be a Big Book, But It's Not a Great Book**By JimThis books seems to have had great ambitions, but I didn't find it particularly well-written for either someone new to Lionel (e.g., it starts using terminology without explaining it clearly) or someone with prior Lionel experience (e.g., its material is too basic). It is largely composed of pictures from a couple of layouts which don't always seem to augment the accompanying text. On a positive note, it does cover some of Lionel's product areas (such as S gauge) that are often left out of other books.

Lionel products are today more technologically advanced than ever, thanks to such innovations as FasTrack and the Legacy control system. Author and hobby veteran Bob Schleicher updates his classic one-stop, hands-on treasury of practical advice for Lionel enthusiasts to include products such as FasTrack and Legacy, which were unavailable at the time of its original publication in 2004. This volume also features an overview of Lionel product development, more than 30 track plans for the floor and tabletop, advice on building scenery and structures, wiring and track how-to, help in choosing steam or diesel locomotives and freight or passenger operations, maintenance and restoration tips techniques, and instructions for operations that best emulate those of prototype railroads.