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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Wonderful World of Model Trains: A Beginner's Guide to Building Your Own Model Railways and Creating Stunning Sceneries Layouts*:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Useful for absolute beginners.
By Customer
I've been thinking of getting into model trains as something I could do with my 11 year old son. I like to build models and I think trains are interesting so it seems like a perfect fit. I've been poking around the internet and looked at a couple of print books on the subject. I'm all for instant gratification so I started with this Kindle book because I could read it immediately. For the person with no knowledge of the hobby that is looking for an introduction I think this a great place to start. As I mentioned, I had been poking around the internet and so I had some information already. I'd say the book was about 25% useful to me, but that isn't the fault of the book, that's because I'd already read a fair amount about the hobby online. There is a great glossary at the end that helps with all the acronyms and terminology that are a mystery to the beginner. I'm taking off 1 star because there are no illustrations at all. I think they'd be particularly useful in the section that covers layout options. Other than the lack of illustrations I think this is a great place to start for the absolute beginner. If you already have some knowledge this book may be too basic for you.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A great start to enjoying an age-old and ever entertaining hobby.
By Abigail Buras
So excited to find this for my grandsons! While I appreciate all the technological advancements that have been made over the last few decades, there are still some pleasures from the past that need to be enjoyed and carried on by the younger generations today. In fact, this generation is so centered on computer technology that old-fashioned fun is even more valuable for them. I like how the information is laid out in this book and how it will be easily understood by my pre-teen grandsons, but without being too simple to where it wouldn't seem like something challenging and thus fun to learn.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Robert F. Martin
It's a great read, very informative. However, it lacks any illustrations or pictures.

There's a nostalgia associated with model trains and railroading -- even if it's unspoken. Railroads take us back to an earlier era. A more basic time. When spending a week or more on a train was seen as a luxury -- an event in itself -- not at as merely a mode of transportation. You've probably already scouted some model railroad shows. You've no doubt recognized the camaraderie and the passion these folks have. And yes, you're interested in becoming a part of that. "The Wonderful World of Model Trains" will help you do just that! It's a comprehensive guide to model railroading written for someone who is new to this hobby, starting with some basic "train knowledge" terminologies, and continuing on to the more detailed aspects of the hobby. And yes, this hobby can indeed get quite detailed. And that tends to be intimidating to some people. The beauty of this hobby is that you can get involved at just the level you care too. You'll discover that every model railroader is in it for the love of the trains and the history. The vast majority of us are not out to make a fast buck from our interests. Here's some of the things you'll learn in "The Wonderful World of Model Trains":
- How to create stunning terrain in your scenery with these 3 simple techniques...
- Different scales, gauges, standards in the world of model railroading and what they all mean...
- 2 simple keys (that are right in front of your eyes) to build your own benchwork...
- WARNING: 3 things you should never do when it comes to wiring...
- A pennies on the dollar approach to finding model train parts...
- How to avoid derailing problems...
- 3 proven steps to running multiple trains on one track...
- 6 time tested and proven strategies for laying out train tracks...
- When to add onto your set with locomotives and rolling stock...
- 7 everyday but often overlooked tips and tricks for building the best layouts for your scenery...
- How to do general maintenance on your model trains and tracks...
- And much more...