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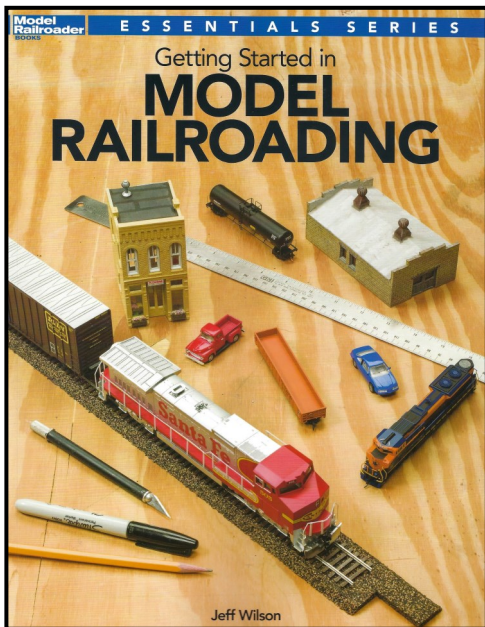
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DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN RIGHT HERE!

If you are new to the hobby or returning after a long absence, we recommend beginning with these two books. Many changes have occurred in the past twenty years. New materials, tools, and techniques are now available to the hobbyist. Our resource list will put you on the right track!



"Getting Started in Model Railroading"

This book has 10 chapters that will provide you with the basic information about this vast hobby.

Dozens of photos will help you understand the terms and concepts.

"No single book can explain everything you need to know about building a model railroad - but this is the one to start with.

ISBN 978-1-62700-267-7.

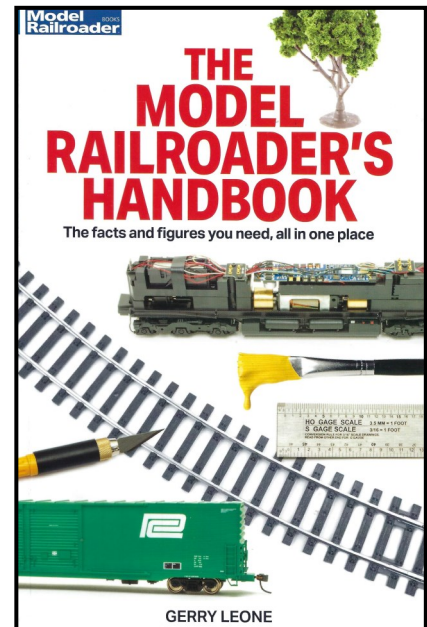
"The Model Railroader's Handbook"

The Ultimate Reference

This book puts all the reference information you might need in one handy book. A must have for work in any scale.

ISBN 978-1-62700-943-0

Both books available from:
Kalmbachhobbystore.com



For more detailed information, refer to the sources in this reference list.

A Recommended Book Reading List

The DCC Guide, Don Fiehmann ISBN 978-1-62700-103-8
Basic DCC Wiring for Your Model Railroad, Mike Polsgrove ISBN 978-0-89024-793-8
Basic Electricity & Electronic for Model Railroaders, Don Fiehmann ISBN 0-89024-064-7
Basic Trackwork for Model Railroaders, Jeff Wilson ISBN 978-0-89024-437-1
Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders, Lou Sassi ISBN 978-0-89024-946-8
The New Scenery Tips & Techniques ISBN 0-89024-621-1
Basic Painting and Weathering, Jeff Wilson ISBN 978-0-89024-624-5
Basic Structure Modeling, Jeff Wilson ISBN 978-0-89024-946-3
HO Primer model Railroading for All, Linn Westcott ISBN 0-89024-503-7
Maintaining and Repairing your Scale Model Trains, Jim Volhard ISBN 0-89024-324-7

[All of the books listed above are in BNMR's reference library.]

Model Railroader magazine series from the 1990s: *Especially for Beginners* and *Basic Model Railroading* . In addition to paper copies of some Model Railroader issues, the BNMR has all issues from 1934 through 2019, in PDF format, on DVDs in the library.

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Beginner's Guide website:

<https://www.nmra.org/beginners-guide>

“The Guide contains enough information for you to go from purchasing your first “train set” to earning the NMRA’s [Golden Spike Award](#)! Enjoy the journey!”

There are twelve parts to the guide:

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