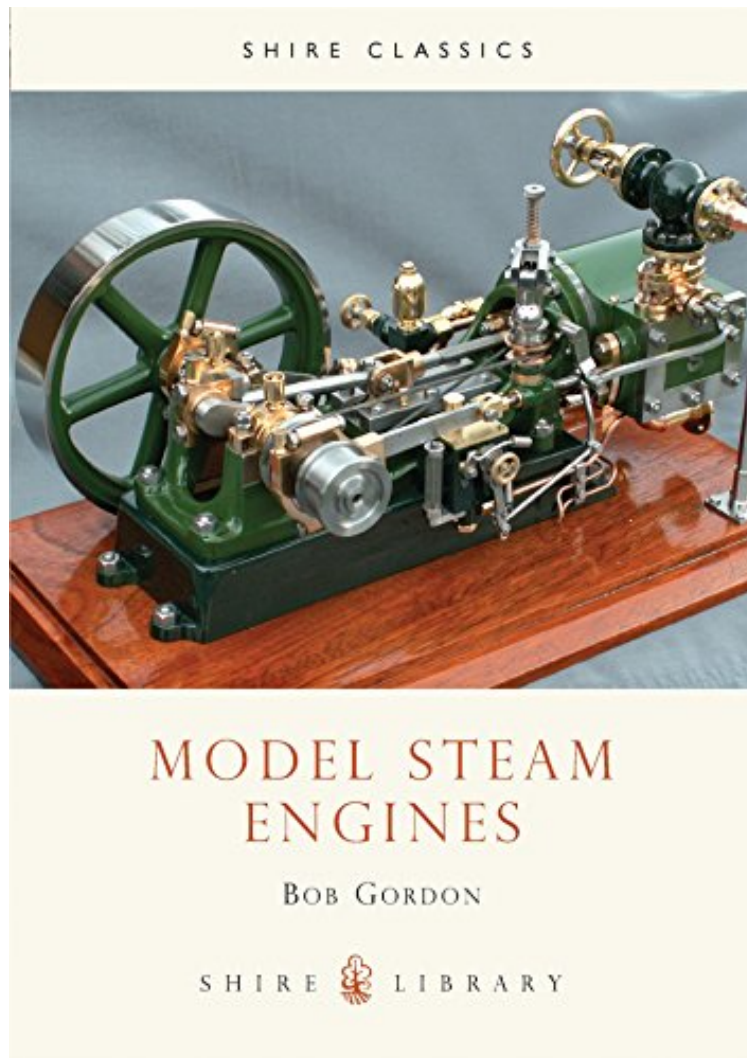


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About the Author Bob Gordon trained as an engineer and has an abiding passion for the power and motion of steam engines. Over the years this has been enhanced by working with steam engines ashore, serving on steam-powered ships afloat, operating model steam engines and driving model steam locomotives. He has also written two other books in the Shire Library series, *Early Electrical Appliances* and *Toy Steam Engines*.