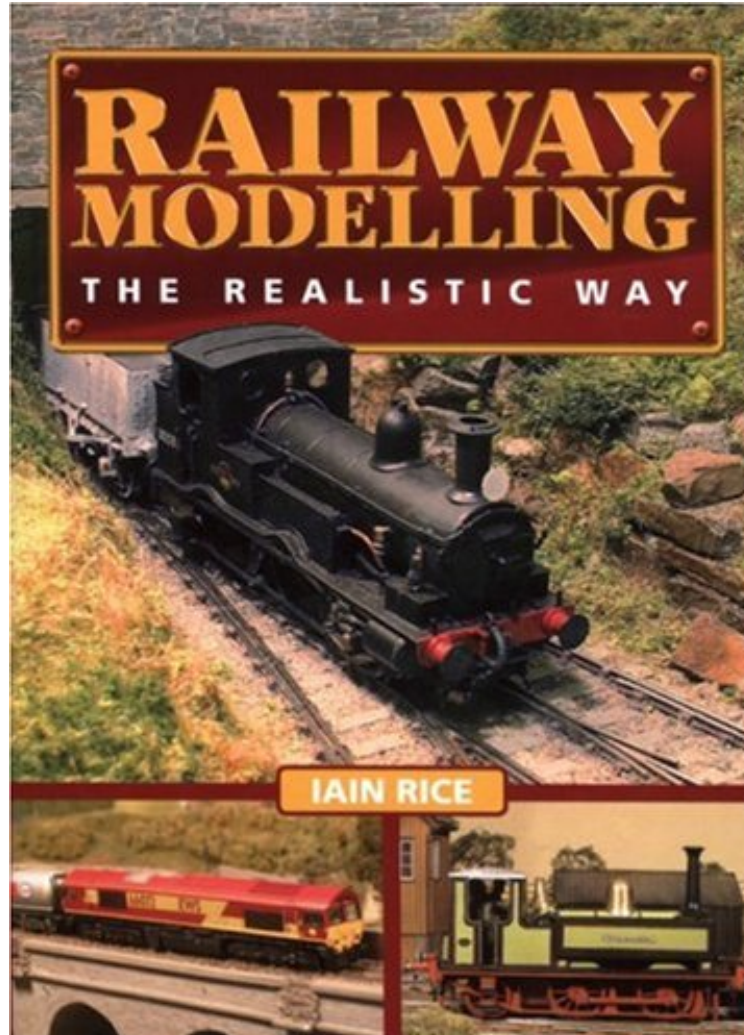


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But the majesty of this book comes not from the sheer topic coverage or in-depth analysis, but rather the ease at which you can look for information and find what you are looking for within the first few minutes of reading. Often times when either researching what I need to do, this book comes in handy to give me the general idea of the direction I should take and or the questions I need to be asking. Mr Rice answers them thoroughly enough, and if you want more info, then as always, a more specific book yields answers... example; finescale track in 4 mm scale or chassis construction in 4 mm scale! It would be an encyclopaedic set of volumes if this book was going to cover every aspect of modelling in detail. Thus, the information is very well researched and presented in Mr Rice's inimitable style, without become laborious and unnecessarily complex. It is always a pleasure to read the eloquence of Mr Rice's musings and I find that I read the book for general interest, even when I am not modelling. It is just an enlightening coverage of topics that make you contemplate what your are doing, going to do or have done... The photographs, either black and white or colour are well presented and I find I look at them often and see things of interest. So in Summary; As a reference book on all things about Railway Modelling (Model Railroading), I find the book a great companion to other works in my model library. An insightful yet simple approach to achieving successful results with plausible realistic results. Now you might be thinking, "ok, well enough, but I really do not like models that are not specific to my region or locale", but if you look beyond that, you will be pleasantly surprised with the breadth of information presented. You will examine and employ some of his techniques and methods in your own modelling, which I suspect, is exactly Mr Rice's intention with this book. Cheers, and jolly good reading... 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A classic tome in the style of the master By stanier Rice shows off his style in covering a vast topic of modelling railways. His wit is always there in highlighting trueisms in the 2nd most popular hobby in the western world. Laughing at ourselves is therapeutic. There is not a subject in the hobby that is not addressed. Of course the vastness of the topics covered prevent some not being talked in as much depth as others. There is an honesty in providing examples of Rice's way of doing things but leaving the modeller with the belief he/she can do a Frank Sinatra (i.e. Do it my way!). Another great work that has one reaching for the dictionary at times. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Jay Thomas Met expectations

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