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author also includes a comment section on each set that gives details and insight that is a treasure trove of information. The listings are augmented by 30 pages of beautiful, full color photos of sets, many from the G. Zippie collection. If all of this was not enough, the last 50 pages is the appendix, and the jewel of the book. McEntarfer provides a cross-reference of the sets by gauge, by locomotive, by passenger car, by freight car, by tender/locomotive combination. There is also a listing of sets by number. This cross reference allows collectors to organize and display their collections on the shelf and on the track, by the same set consists that were distributed by Lionel. It helps the collector organize his purchasing priorities. This differentiates the Lionel Train Collector from the train amasser. This is a prime book and worth all 5 stars. 2016 update: After owning this book for over ten years, I have found that I use it nearly every week. The "Prewar Sets" book helps me organize my collection and focus on the items that I need and avoid the items that are not going to contribute to my collection. It is still a FIVE STAR BOOK! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A good book for any collector By Jimbo-4 The pictures are clear, and the text is easy to understand. I also like that they organized it by set number, within manufacturing period, and put a bunch of really useful indexes in the back. It makes finding things a lot easier. Two thumbs up for this one ! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lionel Prewar Sets By Customer Excellent reference, great deal of information, well worth price!!

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