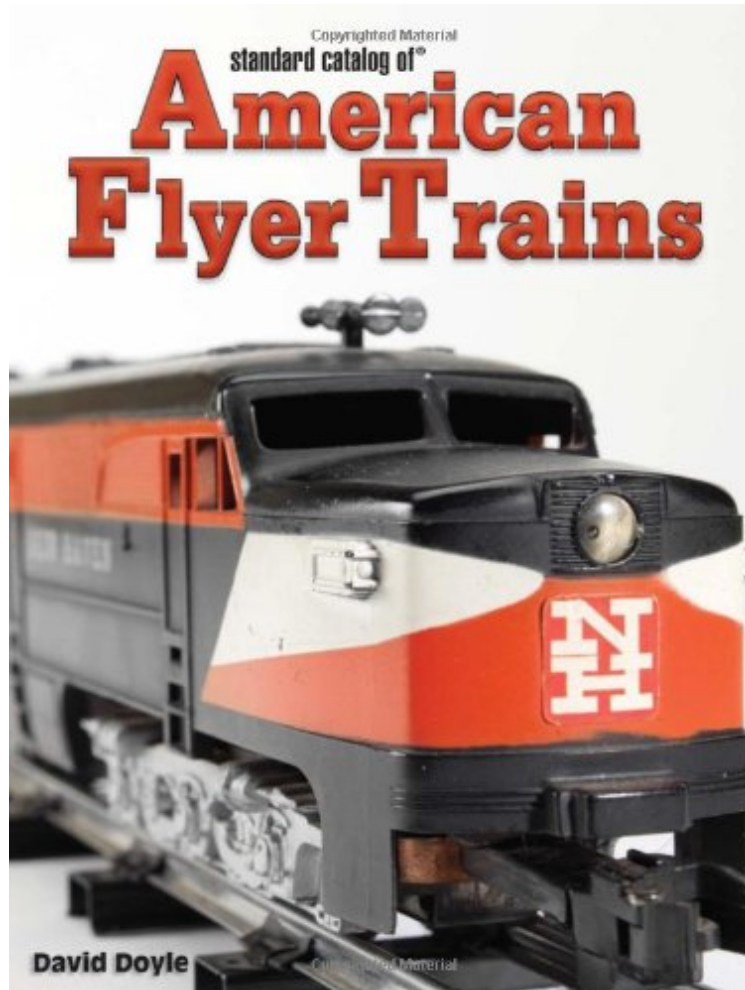


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very nice, received fine By bob Very nice, received fine, no problems., have already taken it to Staples and had it converted into a spiral bound, I use it almost daily, studying my collection. 11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT, THIS IS AN S GAUGE GUIDE ONLY. By Nachtjager When I saw this book was in the making I was very excited as Greenberg's books on prewar American Flyer are exceedingly rare and expensive these days. The S gauge books are still easily found and reprinted, but not the books on the prewar O gauge trains and Wide Gauge trains. Knowing how well the Lionel books in this series were done, I expected the same from this American Flyer offering - it is insanely disappointing. Everything you could ever want to know about Flyer S gauge is here, but then again, that info can still

be readily accessed in countless Greenberg books. There's very little in this huge book on prewar Wide Gauge trains, and what is in this book is VERY inaccurate and the values assigned are ridiculously high in some cases and ridiculously cheap in other cases. For example, virtually all 14" Wide Gauge passenger cars have the same values across the board with only a couple of exceptions. The coverage on prewar O gauge trains, the trains with which American Flyer was founded upon, are absolutely not covered here! I was stunned! There are maybe twenty pages at the back of the book with photos of only SOME O gauge offerings, NO DESCRIPTIONS OR DETAILS ON ANY O GAUGE TRAINS WHATSOEVER, and all are listed as "not enough information available" for rarity. I think it would have been much better to have offered this book in two volumes as the Lionel books were done, one covering the post-war S gauge trains and another which would have covered the formative prewar years of American Flyer. Instead, we have one big volume which was compiled by someone who knows an awful lot about S-gauge plastic and next-to-nothing about tinplate or older trains. You get the feeling this book was rushed along to the press before it could be finished. If you're into S-gauge, you'll like this, if you're into prewar trains, it's got some okay photos, not many, but you'll not learn anything here you didn't already know.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Essential for AF train fan's

By R. Groh

I have just wandered into the American Flyer train tent after many years as a N/HO/O train collector/hobbyist (abet never very serious about it - I just like trains - big, small - I like them all) when I purchased an AF 310 engine at an auction. Always wanted some AF S-gauge and now I had a start. But now I needed to know a bit about the AF train 'empire' - the models, their time chronology, etc. One of the keys to acquiring this kind of is a good reference book that covers the entire spread of AF train products. This book is such a reference book. It is a very good basis for building one's knowledge base and, so far, it has delivered in spades. Bottom line: an excellent reference book for American Flyer trains. Highly recommended.

Highly sought-after model of trains, second only to Lionel, by 30,000+ collectors who attend the largest train show in the U.S., held twice a year in Pennsylvania. Is the ONLY full-color guide on the subject, serving the needs of toy train collectors who rely on detailed color photos to accurately identify trains. A bargain buy when first introduced as "Chicago Flyer," American Flyer trains rose to premier toy train status in the last half of the 20th century, and maintain the second spot today! The company's claim to fame, the S gauge train, is supported by the wide gauge and prewar HO and O gauge trains, in collector popularity, and this one-of-a-kind guide covers all three groups in extensive detail. The most comprehensive overview of the American Flyer line, this book follows the winning format of the Standard Catalog line of toy train references.