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Paul V. Ambrose, Harold J. Lovelock : Lionel Trains, 1945-1969: Rare and Unusual (Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains, 1945-1969) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lionel Trains, 1945-1969: Rare and Unusual (Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains, 1945-1969):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great reference source...By SebringIf you are an avid Lionel train collector- this is a must have book. I have seen some of the rarest Lionel products at auctions and at train meets that sell for pennies on the dollar because they didn't look like the standard Lionel products. They were, in fact, very rare Lionel items. Even the expert dealers don't know what they have sometimes. So increase your knowledge with this book and have fun buying rare items at reasonable prices! This book will pay for itself in no time! Enjoy!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting picture bookBy Keith BeyerAn interesting book with lots of pictures of rare and one-of-a-kind items. However, be aware of two things. First, the vast majority of items in this book are one-of-a-kind, and thus you will never likely see one in person. That makes the pictures really interesting to look at, but it's not going to help you "discover" a really valuable item at a swap meet, because the odds of seeing one of the items in the book at a swap meet are essentially zero. Second, most of the pictures in this book are of paint samples or body mold variations. In others words Lionel often painted standard run cars/engines in various colors as tests to see which color would be best for the car/engine. The cover illustration is case in point. There are also images of unpainted items

in various colors of plastic that were never finished. Not sure how these made it out of the factory, but there are pictures in the book. In summary, the book is interesting, but you may find yourself just paging through this looking at the pictures and then putting it back on the shelf rather than using it regularly as an essential reference guide. No where near as useful as the other volumes of the Greenberg's guides.

Volume 5 in this series covers rare and unusual Lionel items. Covers promotional items, motive power and motorized units, boxcars, rolling stock, cabooses and passenger cars. Has a useful section on distinguishing frauds and fakes. Illustrated throughout with full color photos. 128 pages.