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Gerard A. Robinson : Made in the Ives Shops (Limited) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Made in the Ives Shops (Limited):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Vincent BrakowskiExcellent reference material2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. For the serious Ives collectorBy James J SchulerI bought this book several years ago. It is a lifetime work by several Ives experts (Doc Robby in particular) who attempted to compile a photographic record of every Ives piece ever made. It is outstanding in the range and breadth of pieces it covers. It also shows, when necessary, details and variations with additional photographs. It is also an especially good reference for those difficult to find and rarely seen Ives transition pieces. It has the best and most complete set of pictures that I have ever seen of these pieces of any reference. A word of warning, however. Although this is the most comprehensive reference available, new pieces/variations have appeared on the scene since it's publication. This is not due to lack of research by the authors but solely because some of this stuff is still coming out of hiding. So, if it isn't in the book, don't be disappointed. If you can verify it's authenticity, you've probably unearthed something new and extremely rare.BTW, I do have a copy of Hertz' classic "Mssrs. Ives of Bridgeport", this outstrips his book, in my opinion, mainly due to the photographic content.My only complaints are: First, most of the photos are thumbnail size (1 in. by 1 in.). If the photos were larger, this book would easily rate well above 5 stars. Second, photo commentary is adequate but minimal.

This is a detailed, full color encyclopedia of the entire range of Ives toys. There are through chapters covering O gauge

(including trackless, clockwork and electric locomotives, the 50, 60, 70, 550, 120, 130 and 140 series, and the trolleys), #1 gauge, 2 1/4" wide gauge, Ives promotional items, Ives accessories, boats and catalogs, the Ives Railway Circus, and the Lionel years (1931-32) before the end. Illustrated throughout with color photos. With bibliography, decorative end papers. 136 pages.