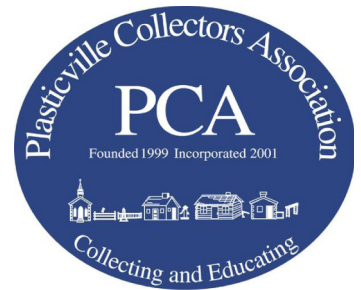


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Book Review

Reviewed By John Niehaus



This is the first time in over twenty years that I have started a review of a book with my thoughts. **Roger Carp and Project Roar Publishing have created a masterpiece of Lionel history in this book.** Many of the photos in this book I have never seen before. It is undoubtedly the easiest reading book on Lionel history that I have ever read. I highly recommend it.

Now for my review: The author begins the book with a page containing a short memorial to his parents noting that they gave him his first Lionel train as well as "how to appreciate the beauty in photographs". There is even a half page photo of a "wall of Lionel" on the opposing page. That photo is clear enough that I could detect boxes of the 3451 unloading car.

The following eighteen pages are the Introduction. There are captioned photos or illustrations on every page as well as the introductory text.

Page twenty three starts the fun. There are no chapters just great photos and essays. The author suggests looking at the photos before reading the essays and captions and try to guess which trains you are looking at as well as who the people are in the photo.

The essays are a chronological telling of the Lionel story starting with Lionel's miniature electric cars through the Richard Kughn era.

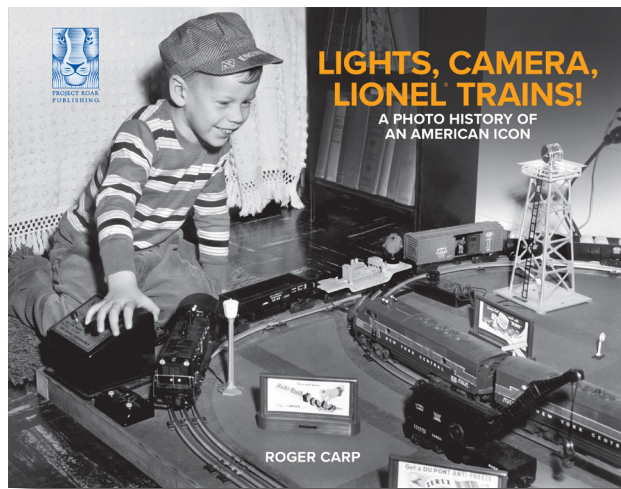
For those who never had the pleasure of visiting Madison Hardware in New York City the photo on page 221 is exactly as I remember my one and only trip there when I lived in Connecticut.

**This book is a fantastic look at Lionel. It should be in every Lionel enthusiast's bookcase.**

***Lights, Camera, Lionel Trains, A Photo History of an American Icon***, Roger Carp, 224 pages, hardcover, 11 x 8 1/2 format, \$49.95 / individually autographed by Roger Carp and the publisher in a numbered edition of 250, \$99.95. Published by

Project Roar Publishing. Color and black and white photos on every page including those of celebrities who "played with" Lionel trains.

***Lights, Camera, Lionel Trains!*** is available from Project Roar Publishing by visiting their website at [www.projectroar.com](http://www.projectroar.com) Call 630-653-ROAR (7627) if prefer to order by phone. The regular edition is also available on Amazon's website at the publisher's list price.



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