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**Bill McClanahan : Scenery for Model Railroads** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scenery for Model Railroads:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Old FavoriteBy ShooshieThis book was an old favorite of mine many, many years ago. I'm very happy to have found it again, and would have paid any reasonable price for it. Thankfully, I didn't have to pay an extortionist's fee, but a very reasonable amount. It was here quickly, and was in exactly the excellent shape they said it was in. While the odds are small that you'll find this for sale very often, if you do, it's got one of the finest pictures of John Allen's Gorre Daphetid railroad. It's the extremely often copied "French's Gulch" in all its glory, photographed as only Allen could. Of course, there are many fine pictures of many fine railroads, so it's not the only reason to buy it. This particular edition also had the first "how-to" in book form on hard shell scenery (hydrocal) and "zip texturing." These were ways of making a lot of fairly convincing scenery in a hurry with minimal fuss or mess. The author was a man with a sense of humor, but also one who knew a lot about the subject. He understood from his artist training a lot about the flow of land and how to capture it in paintings or drawings, and that knowledge directly transferred to his ability to explain those concepts simply and with fine illustrations. (he was a career cartoonist for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, with a sure hand when wielding an ink pen.) Some of the articles were by Linn Westcott, former editor of Model Railroader Magazine. After all these years I didn't buy it to relearn all the modeling tips; I bought it for the pleasant memories and interesting writing on a very esoteric subject. Mine got lost many years ago, and I have been looking for a replacement ever since. It was this particular edition that I was looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Old FriendBy John E.

LincolnI purchased this book when it first came out and used many of its techniques over the years, especially the pine trees by Jack Work. It showed what was possible in the 50's with pictures of a museum layout, and a then new concept "zip" texturing, which I have used over the years as well. Having moved a few times, I lost the original, and wanted to replace it. That shows how much I still value its usefulness today, with many other very great books out on the subject.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Book of the MASTERBy Arthur H. Van Slyke Jr.This wonderful book was written by a Genuine Model Railroading Scenery Master! It is on a reading level that any interested person could comprehend and actually use. It SHOULD BE, without question, RE-ISSUED by the Publisher!!! Those who are new to model railroading would love and treasure it. Experienced Model Railroaders would probably like to have some extra copies, because they, no doubt, will wear their first one out from constant use, as a Reference Text, as I have done!

Model railroading as a hobby is much more than rail cars and engines. It includes landscapes, countryside, roads, buildings, vehicles, model figures, lights, and features such as rivers, hills, and canyons. Creating these images, making them realistic and appropriate is an art. Bill McClanahan was an expert in his field and he shares the many tricks and tips that he learned in creating his famous Texas Rio Grande Western layout. Staining, coloring, method of layout and water features are just a few of the subjects covered.