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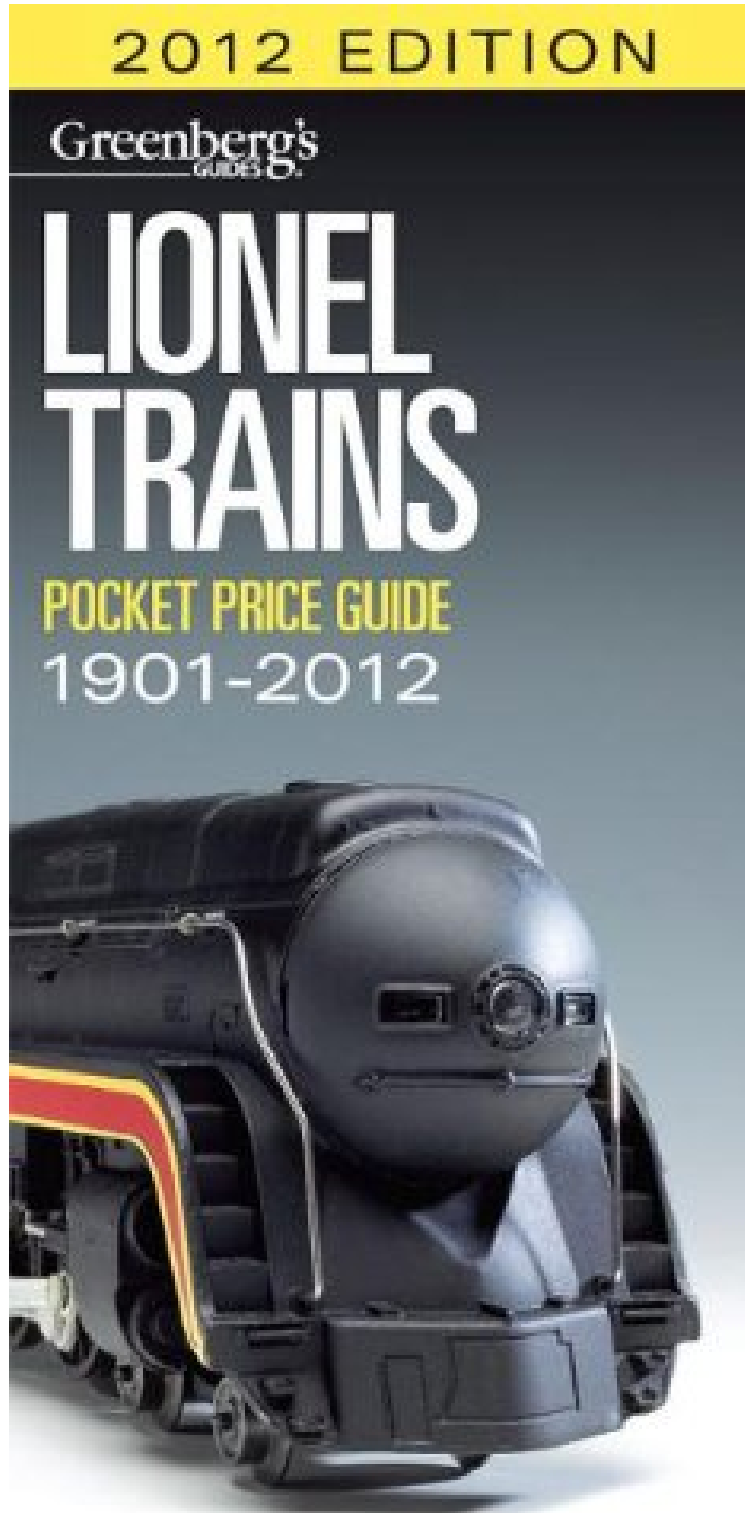
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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Greenberg's Lionel Trains 1901-2012 By Bob-OCThis is a great guide. It lists almost everything Lionel made for O-Gauge trains for the last 100 years. It's great if you know the exact model number of the piece you're trying to value for possible purchase or sale. If you don't, you'll need this and the Collector's Guide to Postwar (or Prewar) Lionel Trains 1945-1969 by David Doyle, which is loaded with color photos and in depth descriptions to enable you to positively identify most train engines, cars, and accessories. I purchased both books. The prices in Greenberg's are more up to date, but the photos in Doyle's book are absolutely necessary to identify some Lionel pieces that do not have a cast or stamped number on them. I am putting my entire Lionel collection up for sale on the Spacecoast Craigslist site for about \$1,000 until I bought these books. I'm not done cataloging, photographing, and pricing everything, and I'm already over the \$3,000 mark (pricing each piece according to it's current condition).Lionel Trains Pocket Price Guide 1901-2012 (Greenberg's Guides)2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Before You Start Buying Lionel on Ebay Buy This BookBy Dave MarciniszyA great effort to obtain as much information in one place on the vast collection of Lionel Products that were produced. The book does not capture everything (such as some specialty items that may be new, or trains sold as a boxed ready to run set). However it is pretty good at idetifying 90% of what was produced.The Low Down is as follows:1) Vast reference of somewhat current pricing on Lionel Products for the collector.2) Prices do not reflect the new way to sell such as EBay - where the items fetch a higher price. It rels more heavily instead on general sales by collectors, hobby shops, etc.3) Box Sets are typically not listed (however the new sets like Polar Express are listed). The excuse is that in order to get an acurate price you need to have a complete set be sold (items are typically missing from older sets). Unfortunately it is a Poor Excuse.4) The index and page layout could be better - need to bend the book spine to see numbers on facing pages. Not all columns in the book are explained (an example is a blank dash which is reserved for you to write in the condition of the item and what you paid.)5) The author is very good about soliciting feedback - so if you have something that is not listed - tell them.6) The book down plays the importance now being placed on Original Boxes and Insructions. They again need to look at EBay and the companies popping up making reproduction boxes.7) It would be helpful if the Abbreviations for the Clubs were indexed with the full name. Clubs sometimes have cars produced for them.Overall I use it - It is a good starting point for understanding what the base value is - However if you really want something you are going to pay extra for it. That's the bottom line.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Randy's ReviewBy Randy R. SoperThe Pocket Guide is very well organized and complete. I have noted however, that the prices tend to be low compared to several other sources either on-line or in stores. I attribute this to the pocket pricing as being perhaps a wholesale guide versus retail. Also, there is no allowance for items that include original boxes which can increase values.

This is the one handy pocket guide that collectors need before buying, selling, or trading any Lionel toy train or accessory. The latest edition of the famous Greenberg's Guide lists current prices and other invaluable reference info for prewar, postwar, and modern trains as well as collectible boxes.