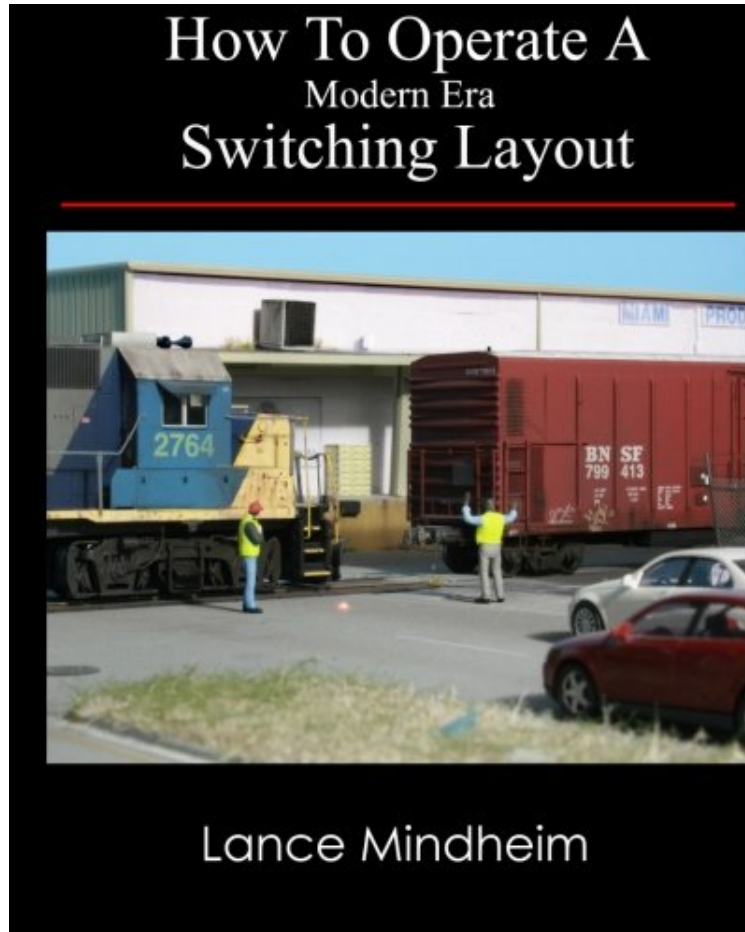


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A new vision for Model Railroading! All Aboard! By Les Rayburn Mindheim represents the best of a new approach to model railroading. One that celebrates the ordinary, and the mundane. Instead of "Toy Train Empires", his book and wonderful blog concentrate on modeling the day-to-day operations of prototype railroads. It's a refreshing, inspiring approach. He also puts emphasis on getting out of the armchair, stop making track plans, and instead get some trains running. I'm happy to say he inspired me to do just that after years of setting on the sidelines. Mindheim represents a fresh new voice inside the "World's Greatest Hobby" and the vanguard of a new movement towards realism, minimalism, and fun. If you're new to the hobby, or just bored with the same old approaches to model trains, I urge you to visit Lance's blog, buy the books, and prepare to be converted. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By Customer Lance could have left off the "modern" and it would still apply to any switching layout in any era. My era is mid 1950's and the tips, tricks, ideas

and information in this book applies just as much then as it does now. I have all of Lances' books and have never been disappointed. I consider myself a veteran model railroader but he taught me some new things. With a round-the-room switching layout in progress in my house, this book will come in very handy. I especially like the idea of hanging padlocks below the layout at all places where there are ground throw turnouts and requiring operators to "unlock" the turnout before using it! Just like the prototype. And having a "mailbox" along the fascia for each industry just like real industries do to tell train crews the specific places where they want cars spotted. Great ideas. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. like others have mentioned By ToddOk, like others have mentioned, there is some question to the large font which makes one think this book was being padded. Fine, even I have that grudge on my plate. However, this book explains the stage, like a movie producer, that is simulated model railroading. Compared to a lot of the cookie cutter Model Railroader commentary, this at least addressed the overall aspect of real rail operations. I will admit that after reading it it did change my point of view on the topic of operations. Begrudgingly I will admit that this is currently in my top ten of model railroading books because it is a bit outside the box in its approach to the topic.

The title says it all. Everything you need to know to operate a modern era switching layout. How to set up an operating session. Car movement strategies. Job strategies. Prototypical paperwork. Prototype rules and procedures and more! Bonus track plan and operations example included.