

# NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY BOOK CATALOGUE

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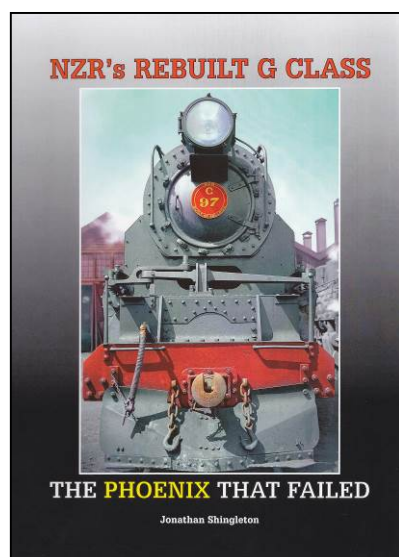


## New Zealand Railways At Night

*Bill Prebble*

This work seeks to redress a void in our written history, covering the night railway as experienced in the period from the mid-1920s through to 1982, a period when many New Zealanders' chose the railway as their principal form of transport. This was a time when most of the night travel was endured sitting upright on firm non-reclinable seats. It is occasions like that which images in the book evoke memories of. Hard cover, 256 pages, 38 colour and 201 black & white photographs.

**Retail:** NZ \$75.00 AU \$98.00 RoW \$137.00  
**Member:** NZ \$50.00 AU \$73.00 RoW \$112.00



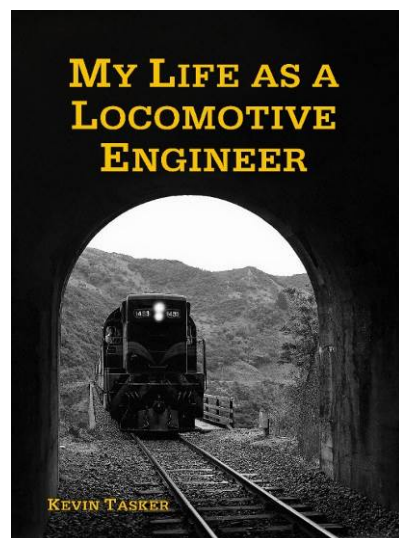
## NZR's Rebuilt G Class

**The Phoenix That Failed**

*Jonathan Shingleton*

In attempt to make something useful from NZR's failed articulated Garratts, NZR designed six Pacific locomotives, utilizing the engine units from the Garratts. However, engineering constrictions imposed by the loading gauge and inherent weaknesses transferred with the Garratt engine units conspired to make them problematic and unreliable. This is an interesting account of a unique three-cylinder engine that delivered NZR, fitters and crews ongoing difficulty. Soft cover, 142 pages, 100 black & white and 3 colour photographs.

**Retail:** NZ \$53.00 AU \$69.00 RoW \$85.00  
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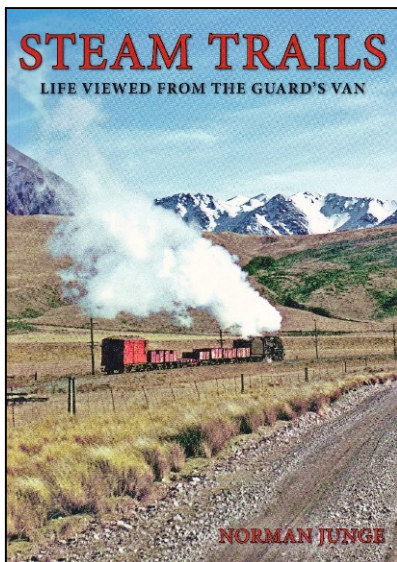


## My Life As A Locomotive Engineer

*Kevin Tasker*

Starting at Napier depot in 1960, Kevin enjoyed the waning years on steam, moving through "C" and "B" rosters to eventually end up on the top roster driving hot-shot freights and passenger jobs. While the freight railway was the backbone of his work, he delighted in firing and driving steam excursions. Kevin recounts the exploits through the years, eventually heading for retirement, only to be brought back part-time and finish driving DL class on Hawkes Bay freights. Soft cover, 112 pages, 19 black & white and 70 colour photographs.

**Retail:** NZ \$49.00 AU \$65.00 RoW \$80.00  
**Member:** NZ \$39.00 AU \$55.00 RoW \$70.00



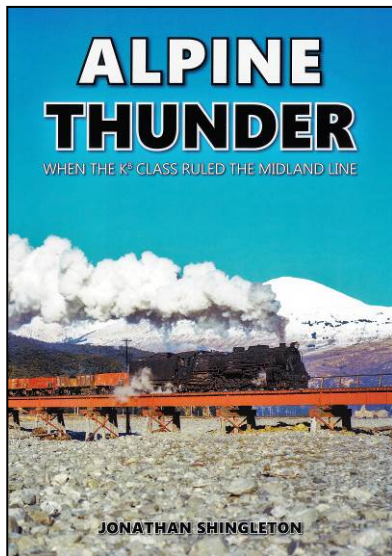
## Steam Trails

**Life Viewed From The Guard's Van**

*Norman Junge*

Norman was a guard on the Midland Line from 1947 – 1957. Join Norman for an exceptionally interesting adventure covering mixed trains, work trains, picnic trains, shunting challenges, lost drawgear, fires, washouts, derailments and of course interfaces with fellow railwaymen. This is a fascinating and easy read with much new information to interest the reader. Soft cover, 128 pages, 80 black & white photographs.

**Retail:** NZ \$47.00 AU \$62.00 RoW \$77.00  
**Member:** NZ \$37.00 AU \$52.00 RoW \$67.00



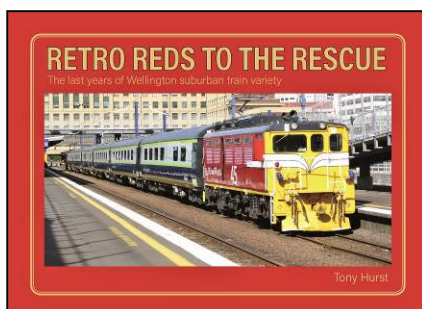
## Alpine Thunder

**When The K<sup>B</sup> Class Ruled The Midland Line**

*Jonathan Shingleton*

The complete story of NZR's most powerful conventional steam locomotive class covering the manufacture, bedding-in, daily operation, booster operation, maintenance, availability, performance, and operations on the Dunedin – Oamaru section and south from Christchurch. Also included are liberal accounts from firemen, drivers and fitters about crewing and maintaining the K<sup>B</sup> class. The book is well-illustrated and includes diagrams and a map of the Midland Line from Springfield to Arthur's Pass. Hard cover, 272 pages, 157 black & white and 55 colour photographs.

**Retail:** NZ \$69.00 AU \$84.00 RoW \$119.00  
**Member:** NZ \$50.00 AU \$65.00 RoW \$100.00



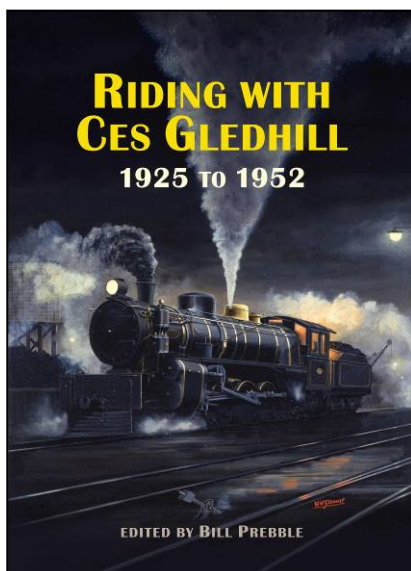
## Retro Reds To The Rescue

**The Last Years of Wellington Suburban Train Variety**

*Tony Hurst*

In an era prior to the Matangi units, a shortage of serviceable equipment saw previously withdrawn multiple units and electric locomotives hurried into service from scrap lines and preserved railways. A visually diverse era.

**Retail:** NZ \$30.00 AU \$40.00 RoW \$54.00  
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## Riding With Ces Gledhill

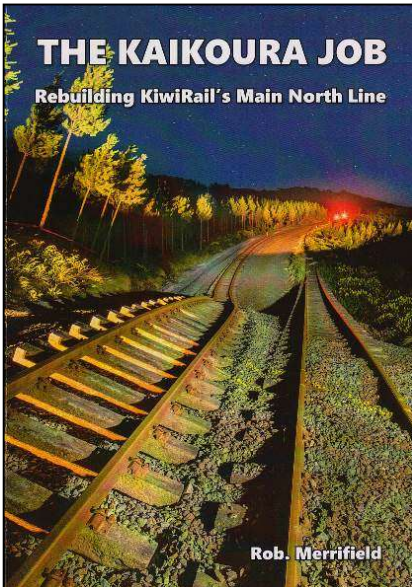
**1925-1952**

*Edited by Bill Prebble*

Starting as a cleaner at Auckland in 1925, Ces worked his way around New Zealand seeking better wages and promotion, working his way up through the ranks from cleaner, to fireman and eventually first-class engine driver. He recounts with interest his time living at the various towns and cities, working on both isolated sections, branch lines and on main trunk trains. Told with passion are many of his memorable footplate escapades on both North and South Island lines. This book is well illustrated with images of the period, many taken by the author while working on the job.

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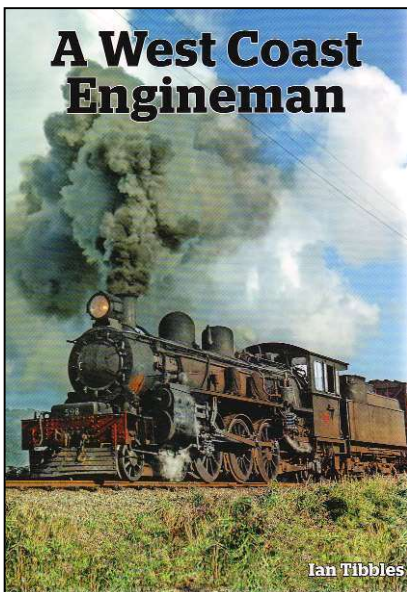




**The Kaikoura Job**  
**Rebuilding KiwiRail's Main North Line**  
*Rob Merrifield*

The magnitude 7.8 that struck the Kaikoura region caused the most devastation to the rail and highway network known in New Zealand modern times. A critical lifeline, KiwiRail set about the huge task of rebuilding the railway, tunnels and bridges. Rob Merrifield treats us to an in-depth account of the devastation and rebuild, complimented with stunning images. Card covers, 134pp, 22 black & white and 97 colour photographs plus 4 maps.

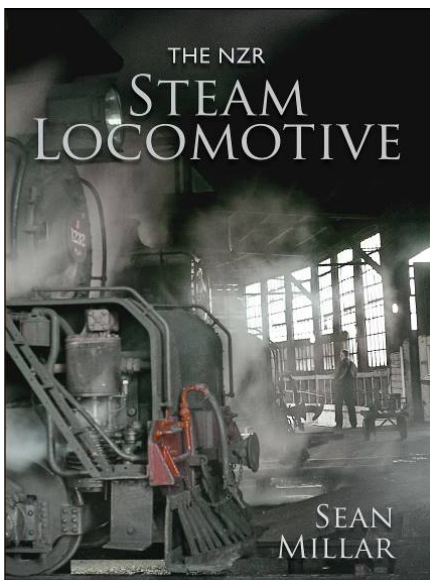
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**A West Coast Engineman**  
*Ian Tibbles*

Ian takes us on a journey about the West Coast as a Greymouth-based NZR fireman from 1962 to 1970. Relieving at the various West Coast depots, Ian provides insight on what it was like “getting down the road” on the various lines and classes of engines. The vagaries of narrow grate engines through to the “modern” J class are all discussed. Covering the golden age of steam on the Coast, without doubt this is a book for lovers of NZR steam in the 60’s. Card covers, 251 pp, 163 black & white and 99 colour photographs, track plan, 2 maps and diagrams.

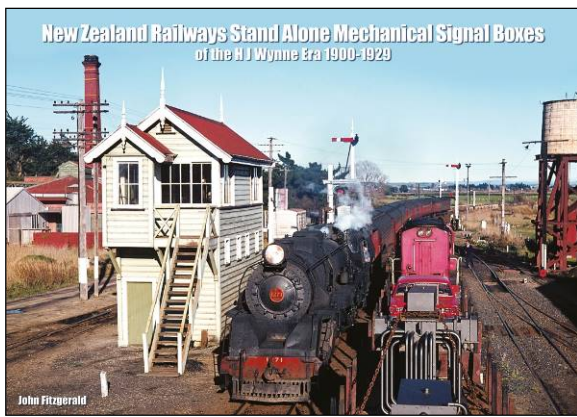
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**The NZR Steam Locomotive**  
*Sean Millar*

This noteworthy book covers the development and operation of the NZR Steam Locomotive. Bringing together later day research on individual classes Sean Millar incorporates much previously unpublished material. All NZR classes are featured from the formative years through to final development. Photographs of each class elucidate the chronological evolution caused by either technological improvements or rebuilding to accommodate workplace changes. Lavishly illustrated, this book is a visual feast, featuring numerous previously unpublished photographs. 615 black and white photographs, A4 portrait format, at 336 pp hard-back with dust jacket.

**Retail: NZ \$75.00 AU \$85.00 NA \$110.00 RoW \$120.00**  
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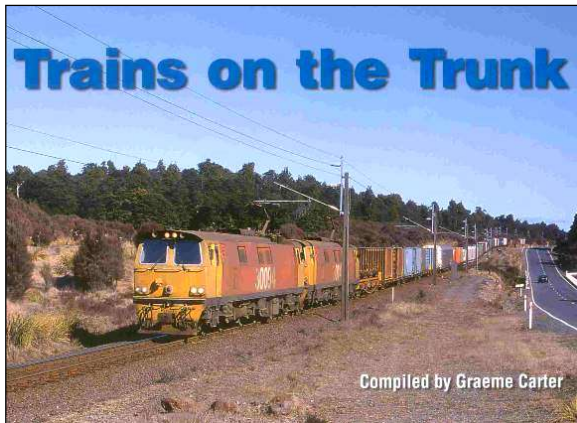


## NZR Stand Alone Mechanical Signal Boxes Of the HJ Wynne Era 1900-1929

*John Fitzgerald*

The NZR signal box stood sentinel over junctions and railway station precincts for over 80 years. Packed full of photographs, signalling and interlock track diagrams, all 129 signal boxes are covered in this book. Card covers, 271 pp, 130 b&w photographs, signalling and interlocking track diagrams, signal box diagrams.

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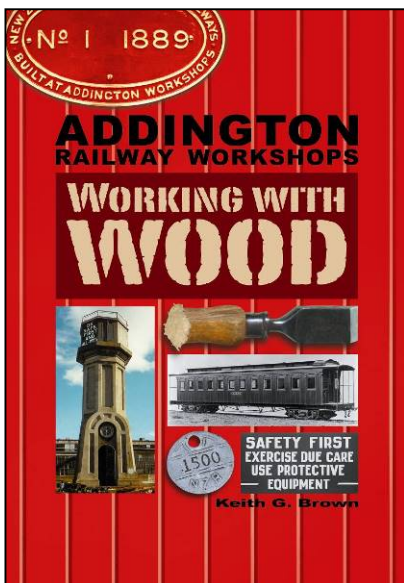


## Trains On The Trunk

*Compiled by Graeme Carter*

Trains on the Trunk is a celebration of over 100 years of construction and operation on the most important railway in New Zealand. A4 landscape format, 100 pp, card covers, packed with black and white and colour photographs of construction, the railway infrastructure, and trains hauled by various forms of locomotive.

**Retail:** NZ \$45.00 AU \$52.50 NA \$59.00 RoW \$61.00  
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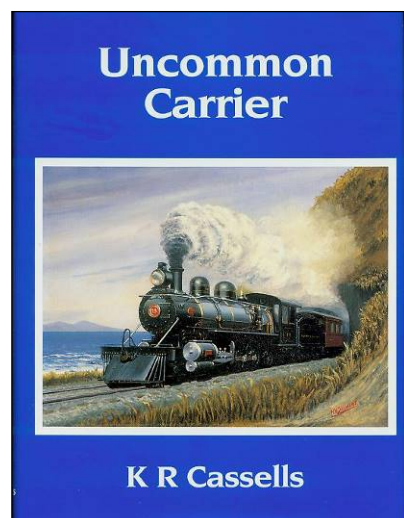


## Addington Railway Workshops Working With Wood

*Keith G. Brown*

The first book to document Addington's leading role in the manufacture and repair of rolling stock for NZR, as a tradesman carpenter at Addington for 38 years Keith Brown provides a fascinating look behind the fence of this once-famous facility. A4 portrait format, 112pp, card covers, lavishly illustrated with black and white and colour photographs, building layout and track plan.

**Retail:** NZ \$49.00 AU \$57.50 NA \$64.00 RoW \$ 66.00  
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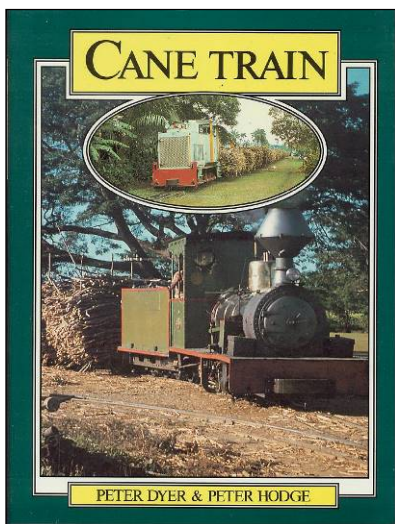
## Uncommon Carrier

*K.R. Cassells*

This ambiguous title covers the history of the Wellington & Manawatu Railway Company operations from 1882 until takeover by New Zealand Government Railways in 1908. Well illustrated, this book covers the influence of North American design of motive power and rolling stock. Case bound, 24cm x 18cm, 208pp, black and white photographs, plans, rolling stock drawings and track diagrams.

**Retail:** NZ \$30.00 AU \$38.00 RoW \$51.00  
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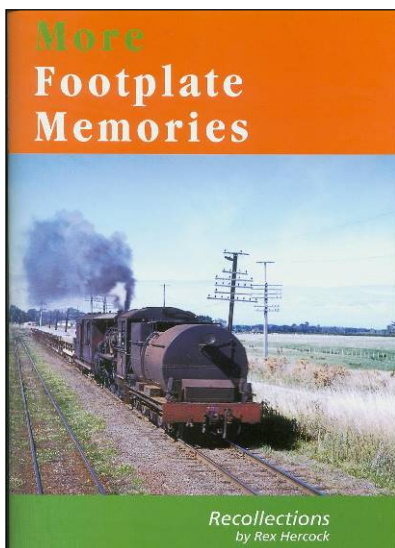


## Cane Train

*Peter Dyer and Peter Hodge*

This is the definitive story of the narrow-gauge sugar cane railways of Fiji. A system once featuring 800 kilometres of 2-foot gauge track and 143 locomotives, this well-researched book delivers a full account of this fascinating operation. Case bound, 24cm x 18cm, 178 pp, lavishly illustrated with 128 photographs plus maps and line drawings.

**Retail:** NZ \$24.00 AU \$32.00 RoW \$45.00  
**Member:** NZ \$20.00 AU \$28.00 RoW \$41.00

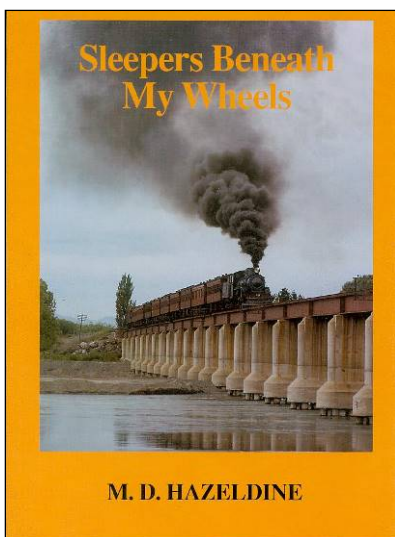


## More Footplate Memories

*Rex Hercock*

The people met and incidents that occurred can make daily life interesting on the rails. In this account, engine driver Rex Hercock recounts many of those stories and illustrates them with his own sketches, faithfully capturing the flavour of the moment. Card covers, A4 size, 52pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$25.00 AU \$29.50 RoW \$36.00  
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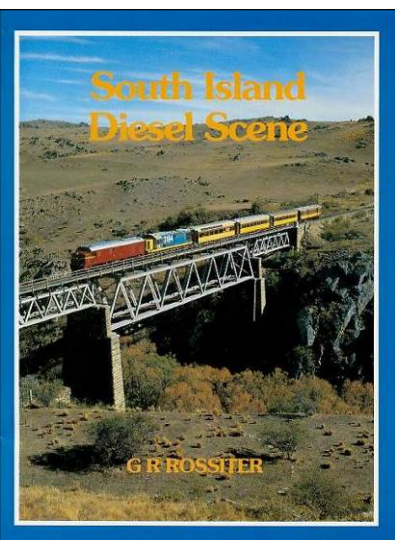


## Sleepers Beneath My Wheels

*M.D. Hazeldine*

Life of an engine driver is frequently all but straight-forward. In this account, engine driver Mick Hazeldine recalls anecdotes of his life on the footplate in the South Island. Illustrated with black and white photographs covering the area and period 1944 to 1984, this is a great read. Card covers, 24cm x 18cm, 80pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$18.00 AU \$22.00 RoW \$28.00  
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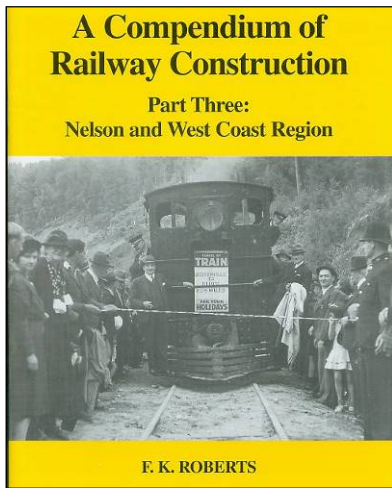


## South Island Diesel Scene

*Compiled by G.R. Rossiter*

An interesting selection of black and white and colour photographs showing diesel-hauled trains at work in the South Island landscape during the 1970s and 1980s. Paper covers, 24cm x 18cm, 32pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$13.00 AU \$17.00 RoW \$18.00  
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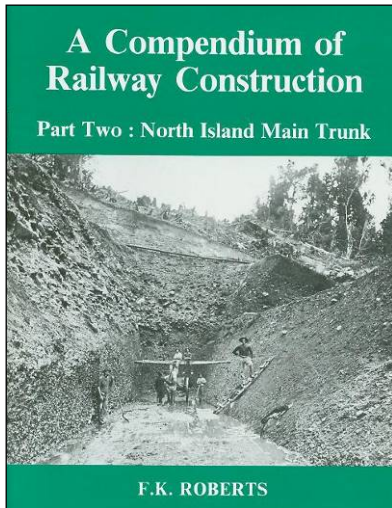


## A Compendium of Railway Construction Part 3: Nelson and West Coast Region

*F.K. Roberts*

Forging of railways through the land, construction of tunnels, bridges and other civil engineering are covered in detail. Accompanied by maps, gradient diagrams, plus interesting photographs of construction and operation. Paper covers, 24cm x 18cm, 64pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$17.00 AU \$21.00 RoW \$22.00  
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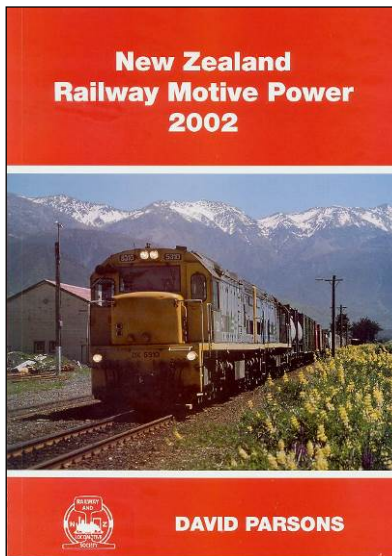


## A Compendium of Railway Construction Part 2: North Island Main Trunk

*F.K. Roberts*

Forging of the main trunk between Te Kuiti and Marton, construction of tunnels, bridges and other civil engineering feats are covered in detail. Accompanied with maps, diagrams, and 58 interesting photographs of construction and operation. Paper covers, 24cm x 18cm, 64pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$14.00 AU \$18.00 RoW \$20.00  
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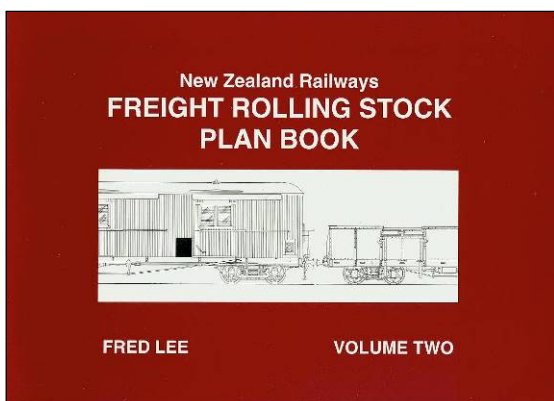


## New Zealand Railway Motive Power 2002

*David Parsons*

Covering diesel, electric, railcar and multiple-unit motive power, this is a valuable guide for the enthusiast. Builders' information, road numbers, makers numbers, location and date into service are covered within this invaluable publication. Additional detail includes self-propelled track maintenance vehicles, industrial locomotives, and motive power lists. A4 size, 64pp, illustrated with black and white photos of each class of motive power.

**Retail:** NZ \$34.00 AU \$42.00 RoW \$46.00  
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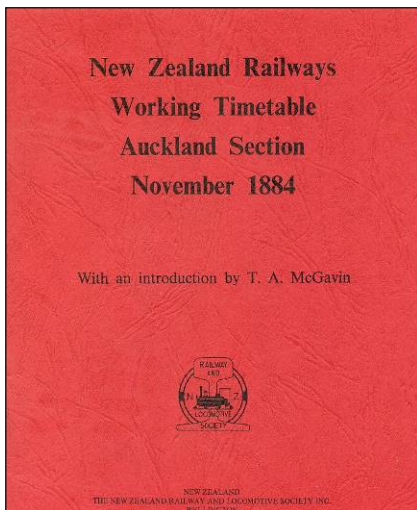
## NZR Freight Rolling Stock Plan Book. Volume 2.

*Fred Lee*

Each wagon is represented by detailed drawings and prototype photographs of the wagons in service. Variants included - classes BT, F, LC, N, Q, R, UBW, UC, UD, UR, URL, VS, XP, YC, Z. A must-have for modelers' and those interested in the evolution of NZR's wagon fleet. Card covers, A4 size, 48pp.

**Retail:** NZ \$24.00 AU \$28.00 RoW \$35.00  
**Member:** NZ \$20.00 AU \$24.00 RoW \$31.00





## NZR Working Timetable Reprint Auckland Section 1884

*Compiled by T.A. McGavin*

This is a facsimile reprint of the original working timetable for the Auckland section in 1884. It delivers much insight to the structures extant and operation of traffic at that time. Card covers, 24cm x 18cm, 22pp.

**Retail: NZ \$7.00 AU \$8.00 RoW \$9.00**  
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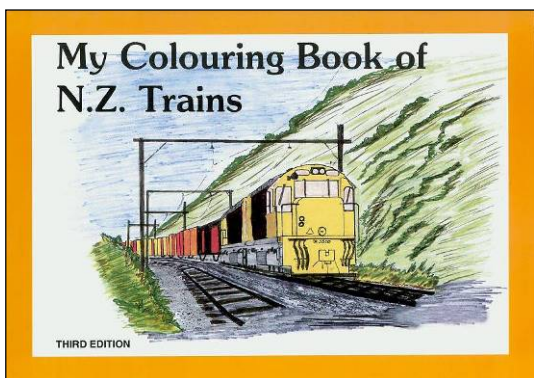


## Some New Zealand Railway Scenes From Norman Daniel's Camera

*Compiled by T.A. McGavin*

An interesting selection of 34 colour photographs by Norman Daniel showing diesel-hauled trains at work mainly in the North Island. Paper covers, 21cm x 15cm, 20pp.

**Retail: NZ \$10.00 AU \$14.00 RoW \$16.00**  
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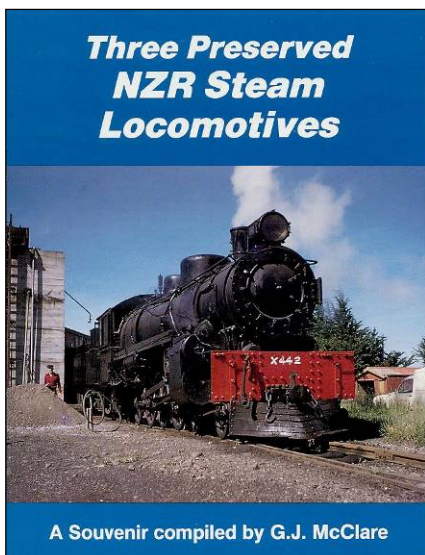


## My Colouring Book of New Zealand Trains

*Rex Hercock*

Designed as children's colouring book, an interesting selection of sketches are provided. Just add imagination and coloured pencils. Card covers, A4 size, 16pp.

**Retail: NZ \$10.00 AU \$15.00 RoW \$17.00**  
**Member: NZ \$10.00 AU \$15.00 RoW \$17.00**



## Three Preserved Steam Locomotives

*G.J. McClare*

A history and technical detail is provided on three steam locomotives preserved by the New Zealand Railway & Locomotive Society – AB608, WAB 794 and X442. Paper covers, 24cm x 18cm, 18 photographs, 14pp.

**Retail: NZ \$7.00 AU \$8.00 RoW \$9.00**  
**Members: NZ \$6.00 AU \$7.00 RoW \$8.00**



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