

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY

BOOK CATALOGUE

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SAWMILLS OF THE WEST COAST

GREY AND WESTLAND COUNTIES



IAN TIBBLES

VOLUME 1: BOOK 1
GREYMOUTH TO STILLWATER INCLUDING
COAL CREEK AND THE GREY DISTRICT COALFIELD

Sawmills Of The West Coast: Book 1

Greymouth to Stillwater, Coal Creek and the Grey District Coalfield

Ian Tibbles

The first in a series of books covering West Coast sawmills and bush tramways, the scene is set with early mills emanating from Greymouth cutting at-hand timber for building and the fledgling coal and gold mining industries. The book covers sawmills up to Punakaiki, around the coalfields at Coal Creek, Kaiata, Dobson, and Taylorville, with additional coverage of some coal mining railways and tramways. A4, softbound, 45 photographs, 12 maps, 64 pages.

Retail: NZ \$49.00 AU \$61.00 RoW \$77.00

Member: NZ \$40.00 AU \$52.00 RoW \$68.00

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VOLUME 1: BOOK 2
LOWER ARNOLD VALLEY
STILLWATER TO KAIMATA

Sawmills Of The West Coast: Book 2

Lower Arnold Valley, Stillwater to Kaimata

Ian Tibbles

How the Midland Railway Company influenced the export of West Coast timber and supported local sawmills by transporting sawn timber to port makes an interesting account. Local mills in the Arnold Valley, Baxter's Siding, Kokiri, Patara and Kaimata are covered, as is Stratford, Blair and Company's fascinating cable locomotive, including its drowning in the Arnold River when the bridge collapsed underneath. A4, softbound, 38 photographs, 10 maps, 53 pages.

Retail: NZ \$45.00 AU \$57.00 RoW \$73.00

Member: NZ \$37.00 AU \$49.00 RoW \$65.00

North Otago Branch Line Railways

1873 to 1997



Arthur De Maine

North Otago Branch Line Railways 1873 to 1997

Arthur De Maine

Designed to transport produce from the productive hinterland farms, plus limestone and coal deposits to the port and beyond, North Otago's numerous branch lines successfully fulfilled these tasks through the decades. Author Arthur De Maine covers in detail the features and operation of each line. Branches covered are the Kurow Branch, Waitaki dam extension, Ngapara branch, Tokarahi branch, Dunback and Makareao branches, the formative Port Moeraki branch and the little-known Shag Point branch and Allendale Coal Company line.

Retail: NZ \$57.00 AU \$71.00 RoW \$87.00

Member: NZ \$47.00 AU \$61.00 RoW \$77.00

REFRESHMENT ON RAIL

New Zealand Railways 1878-1950



Alison McKee

Refreshment On Rail

New Zealand Railways 1878 - 1950

Alison McKee

The refreshment branch of NZR was a significant undertaking. Over many years the department made available refreshment room leases, some being replaced when NZR commenced dining car operation on key services. Superseded as a war time economy measure, lines reverted back to refreshment room operations. These consisted of either counter refreshment rooms or sit-down dining rooms. Author Alison McKee also covers various individual refreshment rooms, railway bookstall operations, foods favoured and shunned by patrons, railway picnics, special occasions, railway crockery, hostess service, sale of liquor, royal tour dining, rationing, footplate food, and numerous recipes of the era.

Retail:	NZ \$55.00	AU \$69.00	RoW \$85.00
Member:	NZ \$47.00	AU \$61.00	RoW \$77.00

Rockies

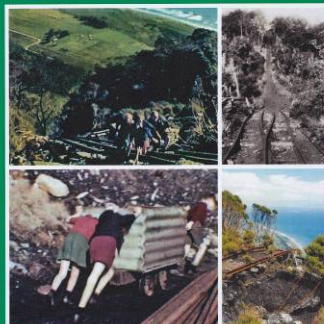
Buller's Little Known Mine and Incline

Bev Fisher, Ian Fisher and Bruce Shalders

ROCKIES

Westport Granity Coal Mines Limited

Buller's Little Known Mine and Incline



Bev Fisher Ian Fisher Bruce Shalders

Here is one of Buller's best kept secrets. Situated between Millerton and Denniston, the Westport Granity Coal Mines Ltd constructed an incline of 1.3 kilometres long up a cliff face to the coal deposits situated on the coastal escarpment. At 564 meters high, the incline consisted of four separate jigs and was worked on the gravity principle of loaded trucks pulling empties up the incline. The brainchild of Carl Roskvist, the mining operation delivered over 177,000 tons of high-quality coal during its formative operation between 1925 and 1935. The remaining coal reserve and later day opencast production is also covered

Retail:	NZ \$45.00	AU \$65.00	RoW \$78.00
Member:	NZ \$35.00	AU \$55.00	RoW \$68.00

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

MY LIFE AS A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER

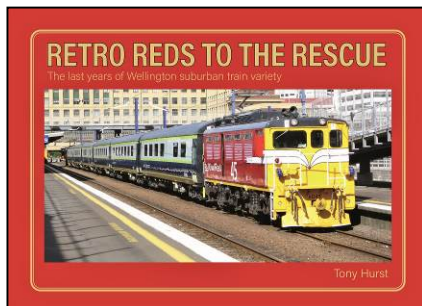
KEVIN TASKER

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



Retro Reds To The Rescue

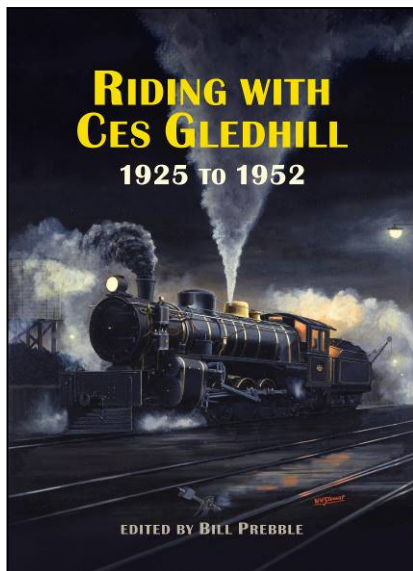
The Last Years of Wellington Suburban Train Variety

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

Member: NZ \$24.00 AU \$34.00 RoW \$48.00



Riding With Ces Gledhill

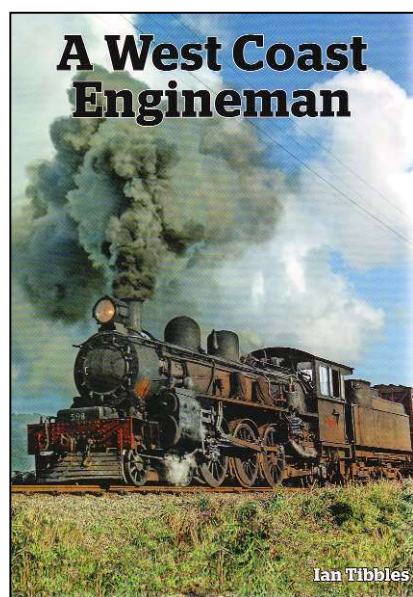
1925-1952

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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Member: NZ \$34.00 AU \$46.00 RoW \$60.00



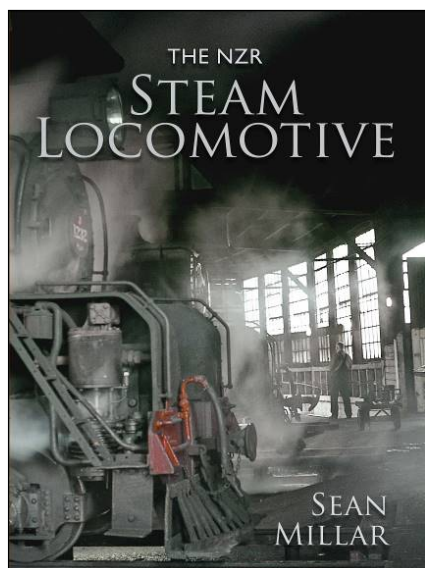
A West Coast Engineman

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.

Retail: NZ \$65.00 AU \$74.00 NA \$94.00 RoW \$96.00

Member: NZ \$45.00 AU \$59.00 NA \$77.00 RoW \$79.00



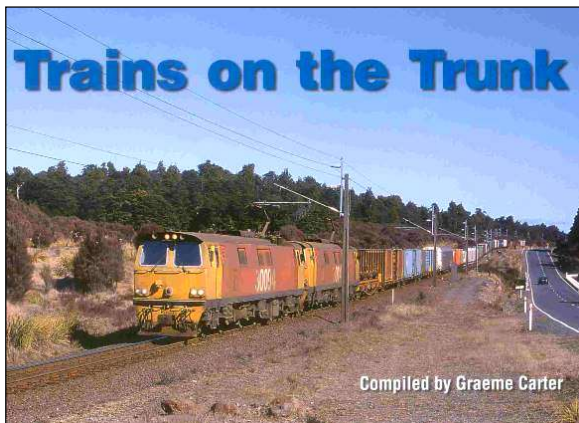
The NZR Steam Locomotive

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

Member: NZ \$50.00 AU \$60.00 NA \$93.00 RoW \$103.00



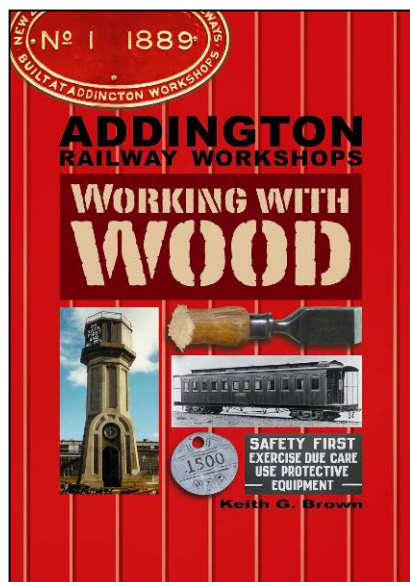
Trains On The Trunk

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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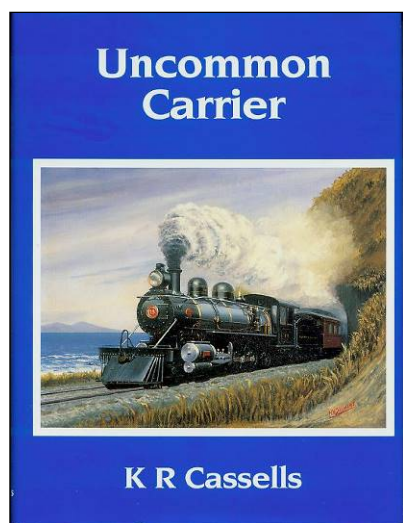
Addington Railway Workshops Working With Wood

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

Member: NZ \$37.50 AU \$45.50 NA \$54.50 RoW \$ 54.50



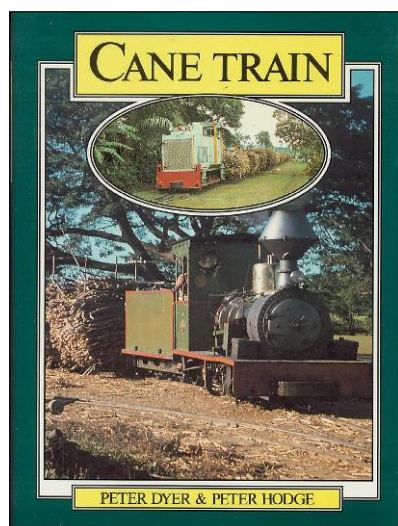
Uncommon Carrier

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

Member: NZ \$25.00 AU \$33.00 RoW \$46.00



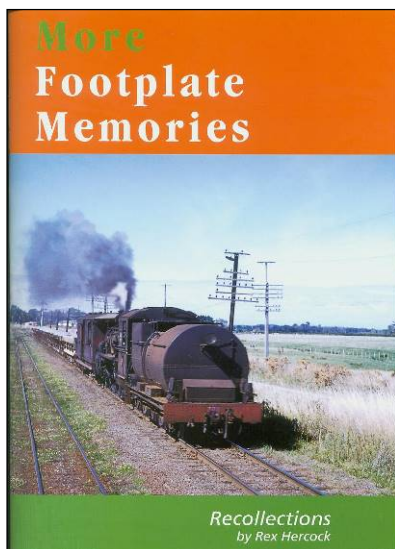
Cane Train

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



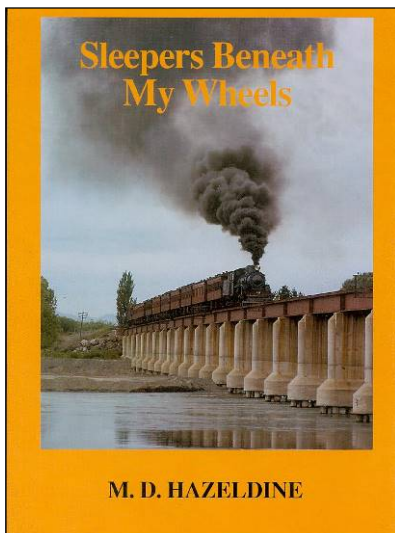
More Footplate Memories

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

Member: NZ \$17.50 AU \$22.00 RoW \$28.50.00



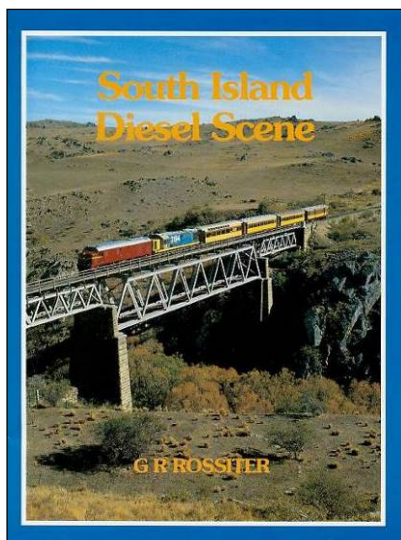
Sleepers Beneath My Wheels

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

Member: NZ \$15.00 AU \$19.00 RoW \$25.00



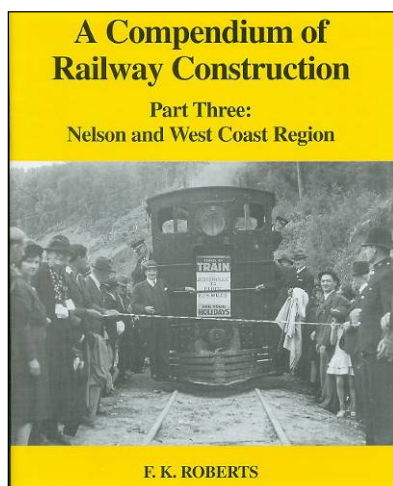
South Island Diesel Scene

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

Member: NZ \$11.00 AU \$14.50 RoW \$15.50



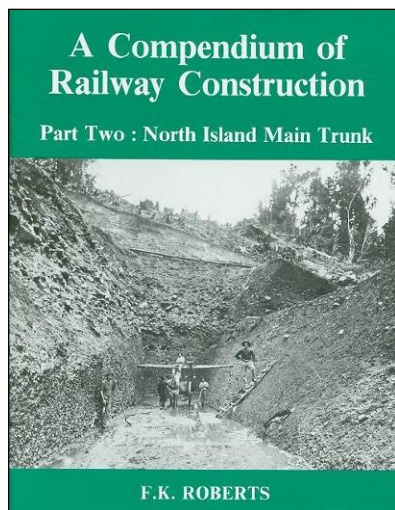
A Compendium of Railway Construction Part 3: Nelson and West Coast Region

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

Member: NZ \$14.00 AU \$17.50 RoW \$18.50



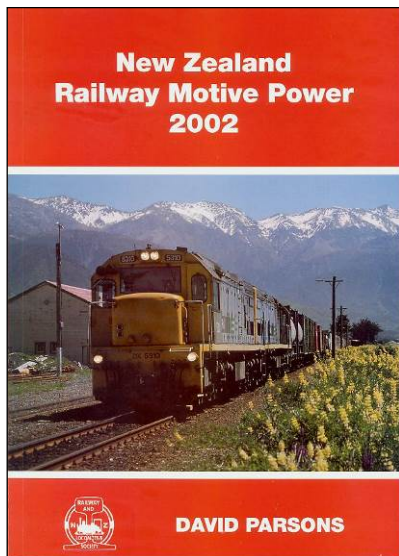
A Compendium of Railway Construction Part 2: North Island Main Trunk

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

Member: NZ \$12.00 AU \$15.50 RoW \$16.50



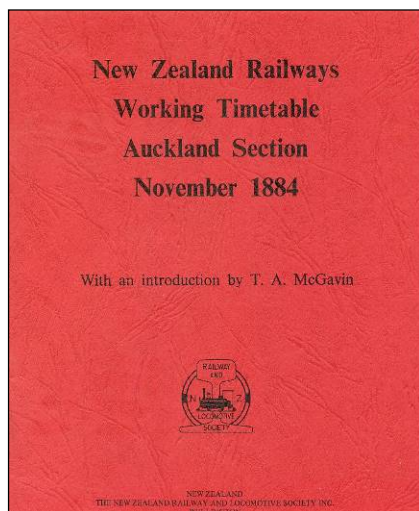
New Zealand Railway Motive Power 2002

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

Member: NZ \$28.00 AU \$35.00 RoW \$40.00



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

Member: NZ \$6.00 AU \$7.00 RoW \$8.00



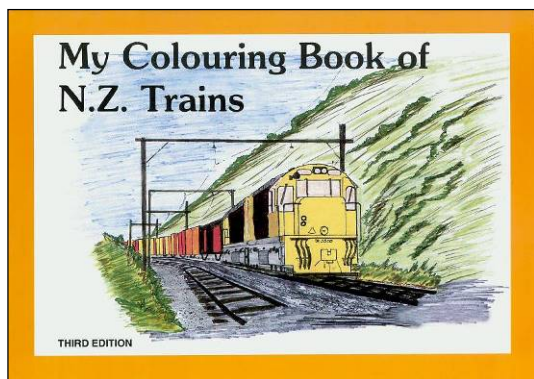
Some New Zealand Railway Scenes From Norman Daniel's Camera

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

Member: NZ \$8.50 AU \$12.00 RoW \$13.00



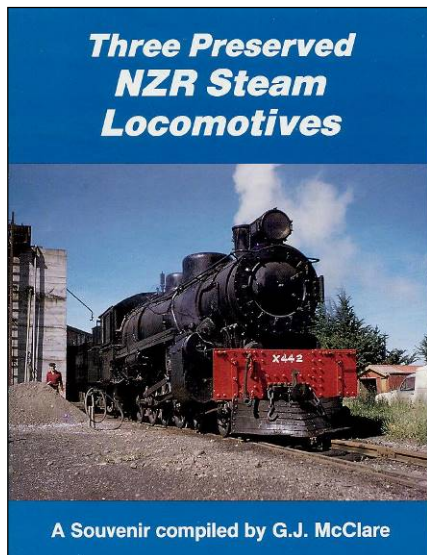
My Colouring Book of New Zealand Trains

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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