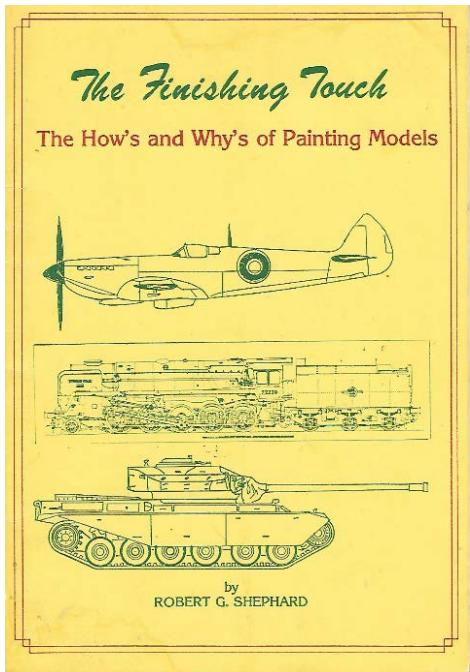


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The two books this month are again recent donations that do not appear on the library list. One relates to painting models and the other electronics for boats.

The first book is **The Finishing Touch-The How's and Why's of Painting Models** by Robert Shephard. This book is published by the author and no date is stated.



The book, in A5 format, runs to 28 pages. The book aims to answer questions raised by modellers in as untechnical language as possible. It attempts to provide information on how to do it by taking the reader through the various stages and processes in painting a model. The book covers both metal and plastic models. Both brush and spray applications are covered. Although the book makes many references to 5" gauge locos, I could not find any reference to wooden models and can only conclude that boats are not considered; even the section on varnishing fails to mention boats only referring to metal locomotives.

Although the book is only 28 pages and is in A5 format, it covers 29 sections or subjects. Whereas the book covers materials, equipment and techniques (including spraying or by brush), it also covers such subjects as lining out models and painting boiler barrels.

My assessment is that if you are painting a model loco, then the book is worth a look. The first section, "Gaining experience in painting" suggests practising to paint a boiler by painting the outer surface of a one litre tin of paint; rather spoil an old tin than a new boiler. Paint technology may have developed but the techniques of application have not changed.

The second book is **Electronic Projects for Model Boats** by Ken Ginn published in 1990. The book, in A5 format, comprises 14 chapters and runs to 143 pages with some 40 circuit diagrams and a similar number of photographs of components.

The book recognises the need on each project to get the circuit working and includes helpful tips on construction and testing with the minimum of test equipment. The circuit descriptions are kept to a minimum so as not to confuse you with terms with which you may not be familiar. All components referred to were, in 1990, easily available through outlets in the UK, but now we have the World Wide Web best buys are probably from the other side of the globe. The book avoids the use of printed circuit boards with the components mounted on Veroboard. All the projects were previously published articles from the Radio Control Boat Modeller magazine.

Since publication in 1990, development in electronic componentry may have rendered some of the parts obsolete, but no doubt the science and techniques still apply.

These two books will be available to peruse at the next club night.

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