Manny’s New Book “Junkyard Models” is a Delightful Collection of Memories from a Childhood Spent Exploring the Secrets of Junkyards and the Joy of Youthful Imagination

Recent release “Junkyard Models” from Page Publishing author Manny is a reflection of childhood and how it drove Solano to start creating replicas of his very favorite place, the junkyard.


Published by New York City-based Page Publishing, Manny’s engaging tale begins with a childhood fascination with salvage and junkyards. Solano’s father would go to find parts for his car and Solano would immediately go off on his own. For him, it was like the greatest playground in the world. He would find a unique car and pretend he was driving. Then he would pull up the seats and open glove boxes, looking for treasure.

Solano only wishes he had a camera back then to have a record of those days, but never thought about it at that age. Some people look at an old, rusty, and dented car and think what a piece of junk, but Solano sees them differently. They have an aura about them. He would look at a vehicle that was smashed and try to guess how it got that way. What did it hit? What hit it? Some cars looked like they were just neglected and left to rot away. Some looked like they could be driven home. In 2005, Solano decided he wanted to build a junkyard model and his first attempt was pretty bad. But he kept trying and eventually he had it down to a system. He did one, then another, and before he knew it, he had a small junkyard. He kept on adding more cars and trucks to it, and then he started making buildings and accessorizing the yard. Solano started with plastic 1/25 scale models and then decided to look for already damaged die cast 1/24 scale Danbury and Franklin mint, and other die cast models and would turn them into “junkers” as well. Now Solano does all scales 1/43rd and larger up to 1/12 scales, so if you like old junk cars or just old cars in general, you may like this book.

Readers who wish to experience this car crazy work can purchase “Junkyard Models” at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play or Barnes and Noble. For additional information or media inquiries, contact Page Publishing at 866-315-2708.

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