

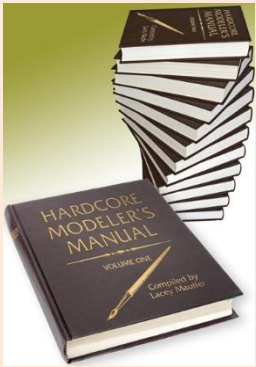
## Introduction to Lacey Mautler's *The Hardcore Modeler's Manual™*: Volume One



Does your hobby seem to be a lonely and solitary activity? Has the love of your hobby subjected you to ridicule by people you know and respect? Have friends ever been discouraged from associating with you because a parent or significant other thinks you're weird and kind of spooky? And, do mainstream hobby publications ignore the hobby you hold so near and dear to your heart? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you're probably a "**hardcore modeler**", i.e., an avid fan of model figure kits and busts of historical, sci-fi, horror, & fantasy subjects.

Well, my despairing friend, you are not as alone as you think. There are hundreds of thousands of seemingly normal people who build and collect busts and figure kits. Whether kit-builder, or collector, or if your collection has turned your home into the neighborhood sideshow, you are just the kind of reader who will benefit from **The Hardcore Modeler's Manual™** (HMM).

### Figure modelers are the red-headed step children of modeling



Award-winning, internationally-known modeler and author, Lacey Mautler, documented more than 50 years of the model figure hobby with thousands of rare figure kit photos; countless interviews of hobby luminaries; dozens of how-to articles; business templates to assist fledgling hobby enterprises; and advisories on the practical realities of modeling. In **HMM**, he provides hardcore modelers with insight and invaluable tools to ensure and enhance a fiscally responsible and otherwise healthy enjoyment of, and participation in, this exciting, rewarding and exclusive hobby. **HMM's** full-bodied, holistic approach to figure modeling will maximize your enjoyment of our hobby and help avoid pitfalls and pratfalls of hobby fanaticism. **HMM Chapter 1: The Hardcore Modeler's Survey™** helps hardcore modelers recognize personality idiosyncrasies and exploitable tendencies that interfere with a hobbyist's ability to maintain employment and to engage in normal familial and social interactions.

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**HMM Chapter 3: Lying to Your Spouse (and Other Fiscally Significant Persons)** provides hardcore modelers with proven strategies to thwart efforts of roommates, parents, or spouses trying to figure out how much of your income (or monthly allowance) goes to hobby-related purchases instead of your share of the rent; household expenses like replacing a broken dishwasher or acne medication for a teenage son; repaying that loan from your parents or gifts for a soon-to-be ex-wife on anniversaries and birthdays. **HMM Chapter Six: Father Murphy's Laws of Modeling** will keep hardcore modelers from running afoul of the laws of gravity, physics and chance while finishing and displaying their models.

Ambitious (naïve??!!) hardcore modelers will greatly benefit from **HMM Chapter 13: How Hard Can It Be??!!** which answers that ages-old rhetorical question (to wit, "How hard can it be *to customize and accessorize my model kit with glass eyes, real hair, acrylic teeth etc...?*"). **HMM** shows you it is pretty friggin' hard!



JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD



**HMM Chapter 21: The Brotherhood** introduces hardcore modelers to the first and largest African American modeler's club (3 registered members!!) and their militant plans to increase Black participation in the hobby.

And, **HMM Chapter 38: Picking Up the Pieces** chronicles the restoration of a hardcore modeler's mental competence through a ground-breaking, treatment regimen by a hoarding disorder therapist, "The Hobby Whisperer", who has saved dozens of marriages counseling hardcore modelers and "hobby widows". These and other chapters appear in **The Hardcore Modeler's Manual™: Volume One** secure and strengthen your continued participation in figure modeling.

For twenty payments of only \$19.99 each, you can have your own copy of *The Hardcore Modeler's Manual: Volume One*. A down-payment of only \$19.99 will reserve your limited edition, autographed, gold-embossed hard copy volume of HMM, the most complete and amazing figure modeler's resource for kitbuilders of all interests, ages and experience levels. **ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!**



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