

Krause Publications, Inc. and Paul V. Ambrose Settle Lawsuit

Iola, Wis., November 30, 2007. The lawsuit filed by Paul Ambrose in late June against Krause Publications and David Doyle alleging that the Standard Catalog of Lionel Train Sets, 1945-1969 infringed upon the copyrights in earlier works written by Mr. Ambrose has been settled by Mr. Ambrose and Krause Publications. The Krause Publications' book will continue to be available, although copies printed by Krause Publications after November 28, 2007 will contain an acknowledgement of the contributions of Mr. Ambrose to the hobby and that Mr. Ambrose's prior books have established him as the authority on Lionel cataloged sets.

About this, a Krause Publications representative said: "For the past several months Krause Publications and Paul Ambrose have been involved in a dispute about copyright infringement regarding respective postwar Lionel Train Sets books. The litigation concerned the many similarities between the Ambrose books, on the one hand, and the Krause Publications book, on the other. Krause Publications defended the claims, believing that these similarities were the result of conventional coverage of historical subject matter and thus not infringing. Ambrose has established that the similarities go further and encompass his original compilation and many of his narrative descriptions. While the author, David Doyle, has denied that any similarities are the result of intentional copying from the Ambrose books, Krause Publications nonetheless regrets any impropriety and offers its apologies. The parties have since determined to settle their dispute, with Krause Publications agreeing to reimburse Mr. Ambrose for his legal fees. There is no debate, however, about Mr. Ambrose's widely acknowledged expertise regarding postwar Lionel Trains. His pioneering research and landmark books long ago established the groundwork from which all succeeding books on the subject are constructed. Not to acknowledge and credit that work - as well as Mr. Ambrose's invaluable contributions to the hobby - in our book was a mistake. Krause Publications apologizes for that lack of judgment and any confusion it may have caused in the marketplace."

Other terms of the settlement were not disclosed.