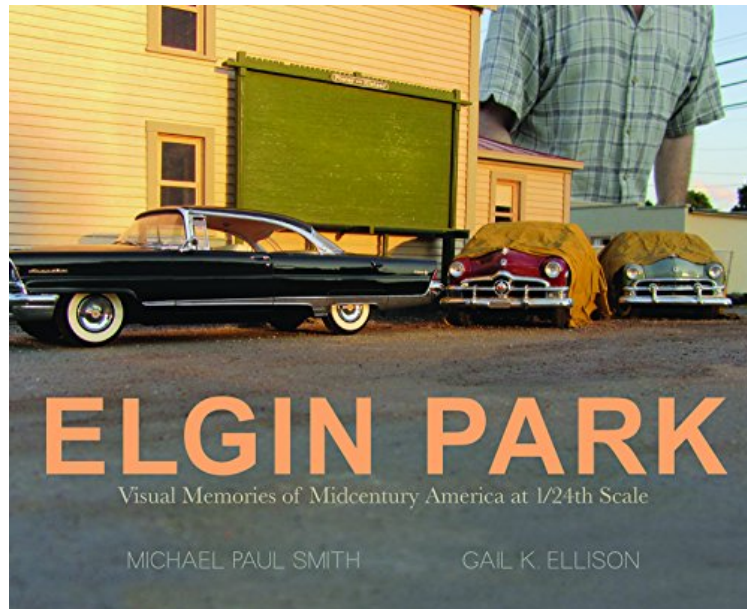


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Although the photographs are strong enough to stand alone as the main character of this delightful book, there's another story: how a humble recluse who doesn't even own a car has created an online community a global neighborhood of young and old, male and female, many asking the same question: How does this guy do this?

What has captivated online visitors are photos of scale-model sets that look improbably lifelike, down to the period-correct signs, glints of sunshine and the natural weathering of storefronts. The realistic quality is a testament not only to the accuracy of the featured model cars from Mr. Smith's collection, but also to his skills at architectural model-making and photography, along with his love for detail. Former New York Times journalist Jim Koscs --Net GalleyKristine Fisher Elgin Park: An Ideal American Town by Michael Paul Smith is a free NetGalley ebook that I read while spending time in a cabin just outside of Yellowstone. Little did I know how throwback this book would be to where I am.... When I initially say that this book is absolutely unreal, it almost feels like a disservice to Smith and his photography, so I'll amend my statement and say that it is heartwarming and idyllic. Each photo is so careful and so real. And, when the curtain is tipped up to reveal the skill and planning behind a photo, it's even more marvelous to look at it, instead of being more of a killjoy ruse. My favorite photos were ones that leaned more towards the 1960s and scenes practically out of 'Lost in Space.' --Net GalleyDebra Schoenberger -- Michael's books is a labour of love and quite clever. It's taken me time to go through it because there is so much to absorb in every photograph. The details that went into every project is mind boggling. I look forward to seeing more of Michael's work. --Net GalleyAbout the AuthorMichael Paul Smith: Michael Paul Smith has been creating scale models for 25 years. His work has been covered in media outlets such as The New York Times and The United Kingdom's Daily Mail. A short documentary, Elgin Park (<https://vimeo.com/116577464>), was made on Smith's life and made the festival rounds in 2015. Gail Ellison: Co-author of "Elgin Park" also worked on Michael's first book.