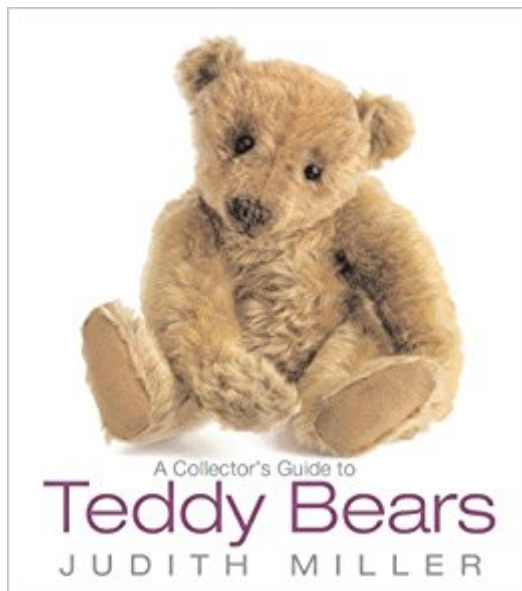


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A Collector's Guide To Teddy Bears



Synopsis

The ultimate compendium of the ultimate companions. It's well known that President Roosevelt catapulted the teddy bear into American culture, but, in fact, the history of the teddy bear is rich and began in Germany. Today, teddy bears are big business at retail stores, on the web and among collectors, and their appeal is worldwide. In this authoritative reference book Judith Miller includes archival illustrations that mark the teddy bear's history from the 1920s to the 1970s, when bear artists and artisans took over from the traditional manufacturers, many of which had shut their doors. The book also features specially commissioned photographs of adorable teddy bears from public and private collections, and it gives information about the many styles, designers and makers, from antique Steiff bears to modern limited-edition bears. All of the important manufacturers and crafters of teddy bears are covered, including Bing, Chad Valley, Farnell, Ideal, Merrythought, Schuco and, of course, Steiff. *A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears* is a sweet homage to the teddy bear as a child's best friend. As a comprehensive resource on this highly sought-after collector's item, it will appeal to the many thousands of fans and serious collectors.

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Customer Reviews

A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears is like a downscaled coffee-table book, big on photos and with just enough information to keep you pausing between pages. (Antique Week 2010-10-25) Irresistible and nostalgic, *A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears* is also a comprehensive resource that will appeal to many teddy bear fans and serious collectors alike. (Collectors Journal 2010-10-12) Histories of some famous teddy bears, such as Paddington and Winnie-the-Pooh, are fun to read, as are the

teddy bear quotations placed throughout the book. These extras add interest to this simple price guide. (Maine Antique Digest 2011-01-01) They are soft and cuddly but they may also be valuable. That teddy bear that has sat on the shelf for years could be worth more than just fond memories. Antique appraiser Judith Miller provides a description and rating of hundreds of teddy bears. Each one is featured in a colour photograph and they have been divided into chapters based on where they were made. This includes many established names like Steiff, Farnell, Chad Valley and others that are grouped together by type, such as early American, artists and limited editions. Page after page of charming bears appear, each one capable of evoking a warm bit of nostalgia. Scattered throughout the book are bits of information on specific bears and their creators. (Terry Peters North Shore News 2010-12-08) Judith Miller's endearing *A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears* is a volume any admirer of these furry friends wouldn't mind discovering inside a stocking on Christmas morn. The lovable faces on all the bears on parade in this paperback are sure to elicit oohs and aahs over and over again. If you do not already have your own cuddly companion, this guide will likely have you rushing out to your nearest toy emporium to adopt one. (Steven Wayne Yvaska San Jose Mercury News 2010-12-10) Teddy bears have been with us for over a century and Judith Miller, while not nearly as long in the tooth as a number of the prize Teds captured in her latest book, has employed all her talents for organization, erudition and coaxing up the perfect picture from her collaborators in bringing us Teddy's history and current status as a collectible icon. Very nearly as irresistible as its subject, *A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears* is, as we've come to expect from Miller and Firefly Books, a fine piece of bookdom. It tells the origins of the Teddy, covers all the major players in the global design and production of the toy and provides well-considered context for valuation. With generous index and an acknowledgments page that's as handy as the list of Teddy Bear museums, *A Collector's Guide to Teddy Bears* is a solid bet for the novice collector, the old hand and for any of Teddy's many admirers. (James W. Bond The Upper Canadian Antique Showcase)

This one was for my wife and she likes it. She has several books on Teddy Bears and this is a welcomed addition to her Teddy Bear library. As with all of our orders, the response was fast, the packaging good and it arrived in great condition. A.R.

Beary Useful Book!!! Have old bear I'm trying to identify. Not in this book, but all of his brothers & sisters and cousins are. Un-bear-ably cute and cuddly.

Book is not as comprehensive as I was hoping, but nice colored pictures. Excellent customer service.

My wife, being a Teddy Bears collector loved the book. It contains lots of infos she was looking for. We have ordered more books related to the subject.

This is a small book which is beautifully photographed. The book is filled with information about teddy bears and is very helpful to the collector. It is a handy size to take along on bear hunting trips.

Every bear collector needs to add this book to their library. Great pictures and a lot of different bears from other books. Broad price ranges, but that's okay.

Sweet little book.

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