

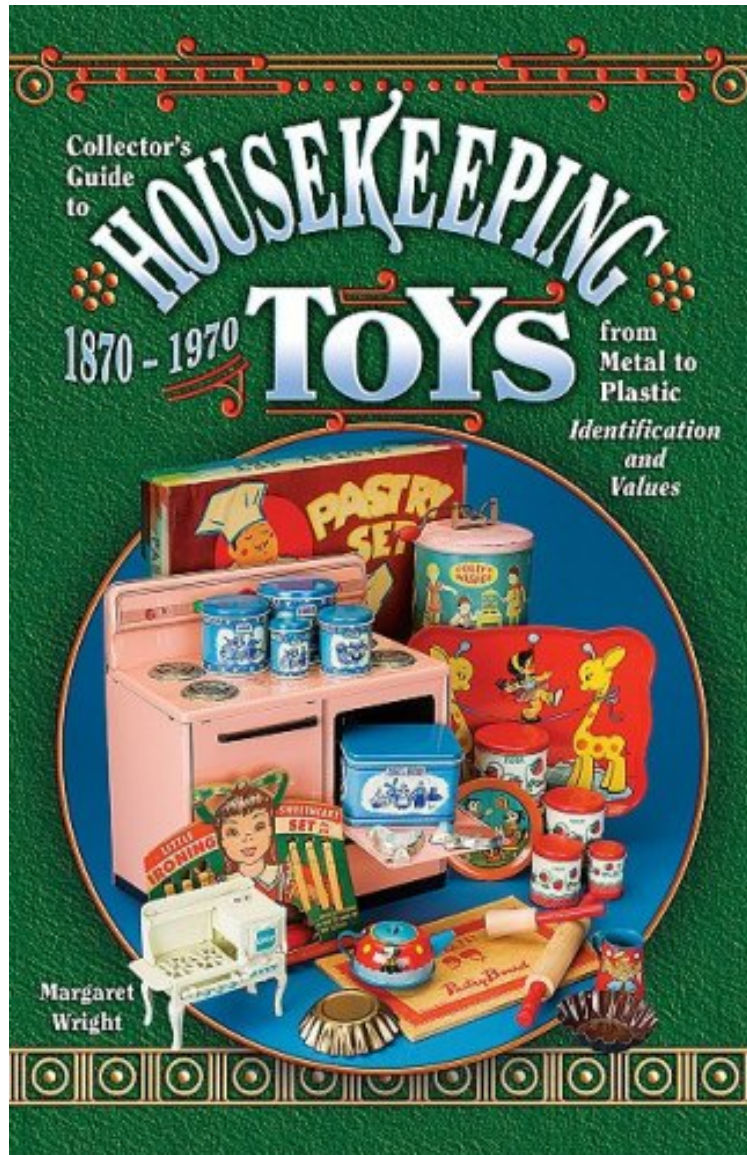
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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Getting re-acquainted w/my childhoodBy The Farmer's DaughterI purchased this book entirely out of curiosity. What a wonderful decision! The book brought back many nostalgic moments. I was really surprised at how many of the toys shown were once part of my 1940's childhood - and some of them even made their appearance on the cover, although I didn't notice that until the book was delivered. I thoroughly enjoy this book. It is a really good history of housekeeping toys in the USA. The photos and captions for the items are superb. The layout is wonderful. This book is really an awesome source of info for collectors - or anyone just wondering what kinds of toys we kids used to have. The plastic housekeeping items of today just don't measure up to the older toys that were once produced. I'm glad that I've still got many of my tin litho playthings. Thank you, Margaret Wright!!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I've waited 'forever' for a book like this!By B. GraupmannOh, wow, I never really thought of myself as a privileged child, but now I know I was(and why everyone came to my house to play), at least as far as dolls and girl toys went. I was amazed to find everything I had included in this book, and equally amazed when I realized how much of it I had. Little girls of the 40's and 50's had a truly wonderful selection of toys and this book doesn't overlook any of it. Anyone with an interest or love of antique/vintage toys for girls will relish and savor this book like a gourmet dessert-----I did. This is as close to a 'masterpiece' collector's guide as you can get. Thank you,Margaret Wright, thank you!!4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. 1870 - 1970? No!! Only cheap, common Baby Boomer toysBy Laurel F. Parker#1 Nearly half the book covers dishes. Dishes are only marginally housekeeping toys, and are well represented by other books. Moreover, these are extremely common dishes - nothing rare or exceptional about any of them. Most of the rest of the book covers kitchens, but housekeeping means caring for the entire house and implies cleaning more than cooking (homemaking is a term that covers both better).#2 For all intent and purposes, the book only covers a couple of decades of post war Boom years. 1870's? This book goes nowhere near the 1870's.#3 The book covers only American toys, but the title doesn't indicate that. The majority of housekeeping toys came from Germany for over half of the time frame the book claims to cover. It is reasonable, then, to expect German toys to be represented unless the title says otherwise. There are no famous Nuremberg kitchens and no German, French, English or Japanese toys represented.#4 Where are the sewing and needlework toys? Kits for making rugs, potholders, etc? Those are housekeeping toys, but they are not represented at all; just two sewing machines randomly plopped in the Miscellaneous section along with items that aren't housekeeping related, like a set of playground equipment.#5 It covers only cheap toys from discount chains. Metal? Read that as tin litho. Don't expect to find pewter, silver, ormulu, enameledware or anything else but tin and a couple pieces of pot metal here.#6 there are over 50 pages of late model tin litho dinnerware and only three relatively early (1920's - none earlier) pieces shown. Don't look here for early litho, early tin or early anything. Don't expect much in the way of litho ware other than dinnerware either. Most reviews for this book came from people who said it brings back memories of their own childhood. They are correct, but that is - ALL - you will get from this book. It's a walk down memory lane for people who grew up in the suburban US, and whose parents shopped at Sears, Woolworth and Monkey Wards. I'd have no problem with that, if the book were only titled accordingly. Unfortunately, it bills itself as covering a century of housekeeping toys and one can reasonably expect that to be for children from every walk of life.If you're a serious collector wanting to outfit an antique doll setting, or someone wanting to research the history of housekeeping tools or toys for teaching children about the past, this is not the book for you.Prices are grossly inflated. If you're selling items like these, don't expect to get anywhere near the prices listed. If you are buying them, don't pay \$100.00 for a set of Plasco dishes from the 1950's just because this book says it's worth that. It's not.Of the 280 pages, all but about 35 are kitchen or dining tools. There are scant cleaning or washing toys and no sewing, needlework or infant care at all. Tableware dominates the book, followed by kitchen utensils and ovens. There are no kits, no books (like the Mary Frances series) covered.There is no hint of anything unusual or rare. The only items shown are of the most common variety and brands. There are no unusual items that were once household staples, like rug beaters, with the exception of a single laundry mangle.Very disappointing.

This delightful new pocket guide is sure to bring back childhood memories. Who could forget following mommy around the house doing daily chores and cooking in the kitchen using toy sweepers, dishes, stoves, and more pretending to be just like mommy. Kitchenware, metal and plastic tableware, stoves, household furnishings with name-brand products, and more are showcased and all toys shown are made in the USA. Readers will enjoy the sections devoted to Baking Day, Cleaning Day, and Washday, viewing some of their old favorite toys that are now hot collectibles. Arcade, Amsco, Banner, Hubley, Irwin, Kenton, Kiddie Brush Toy, Kilgore, Marx, Ohio Art, Plasco, J. E., Stevens, Wolverine, Wyandotte, and other manufacturers are highlighted in the book. Vintage advertisements and catalog pages supplement the almost 300 color photographs. Take a trip down memory lane and learn more about American history in this fact-filled, fun guide for collectors. 2007 values.

One of the reason I love Collector Books is that they have wonderful niche books that just no one else covers. Take this latest toy book, Housekeeping Toys 1870 - 1970. This paperback edition covers, what else, those play toys that simulated domestic activities such as cleaning and cooking. What immediately strikes you as you read the book is the

many wonderful metal toys they USED to make as opposed to today's dull plastic toys...-Tim Janson
About the Author Margaret Wright has collected housekeeping toys from 62 different American toy companies for 35 years. She has lectured on various toy companies, using examples from her collection, and has lectured in museums, historical societies, DAR, schools, and clubs throughout Virginia. Local television, as well as local and state newspapers have featured her programs presenting American toys as historical documents.