

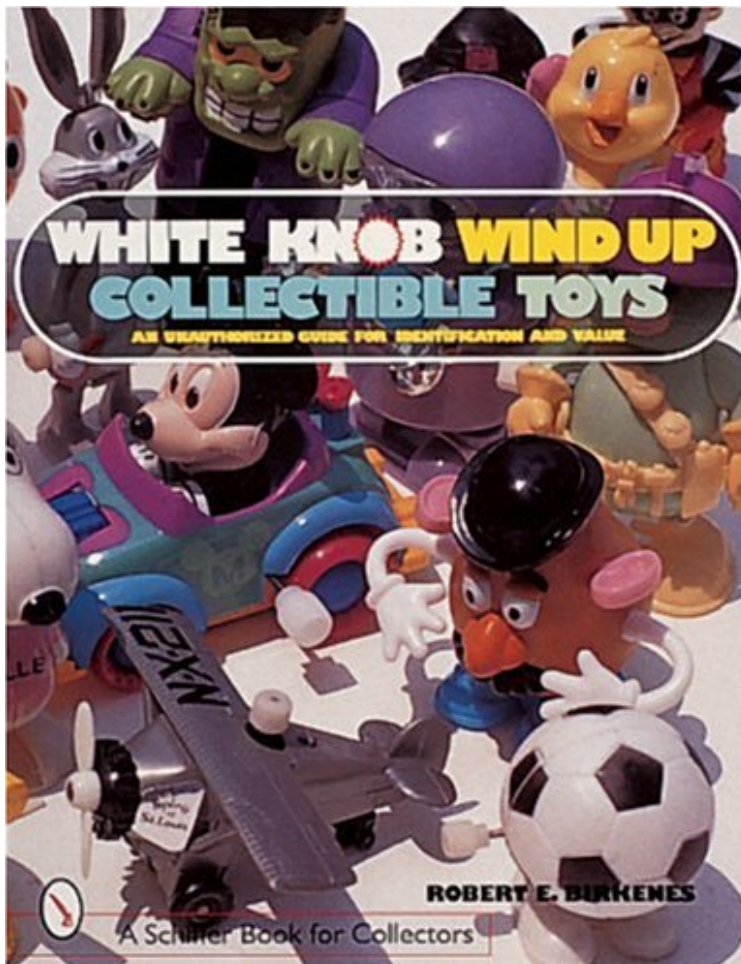
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Robert E Birkenes : White Knob Wind Up Collectible Toys: An Unauthorized Guide for Identification and Value (Schiffer Book for Collectors) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised White Knob Wind Up Collectible Toys: An Unauthorized Guide for Identification and Value (Schiffer Book for Collectors):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some good information, though it's been out for a whileBy D. MckinzieI have quite a few white knobs that aren't listed in this book, but it's mostly because they came out after the book was written. The author has done a pretty good job of showing which ones are likely to be more valuable and which aren't. Prices become obsolete pretty quickly, of course, since new ones are coming up all the time and people's preferences change over time. It's pretty good to start out with, though.1 of 1 people found the following review

helpful. white knob wind ups collectorsBy GaryWell done for this hobby of collections,Good variety of Wind up "white knob" toysPrice guide is very helpfulLots of examples of different manufactures6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Unwind with a really good book :)By sue.overton@dial.pipex.comBefore I discovered this book, I was completely unaware of the term `WKW' and had no idea that it referred to toys that I once owned as a child. I'm sure most of us at some point in our lives had a set of plastic windup chattering teeth, a walking robot or a hopping frog. If that toy was wound by a short metal rod attached to a small white knob then you owned a WKW - White Knob Windup. As Mr Birkenes points out in his book, many of these toys were (and in many cases still are) available for a few pence. As such, collecting White Knob Windups is a fairly inexpensive hobby. Inexpensive that is until you discover that there be as many as 15,000 different designs out there. And believe me, if you become hooked you will want every single one! (The White Knob Windup book illustrates around 350 different WKW's).If you love toys and have a soft spot for the weird, wacky and tacky, then this book is one that wouldn't be out of place on your book shelf. It's perfect for anyone who loves childhood nostalgia, toy design and pop culture icons (and not forgetting the all important `how much? - I used to have one of those' surprise factor when you see just how valueable some of these 3.5" high plastic toys can be).This 80 page book is packed with (albeit slightly rough) photos illustrating toys made by some of the big toy names such as Tomy, Galoob, Bandai, Mattel and Russ (to name but a few). There are toys relating to Animals, Vehicles, St.Valentines Day, Robots etc., and even a bunch along the lines of those novelty chattering teeth that I mentioned earlier. Many of these examples however, are for new or fast food toys. And to be honest, some of the price guides are little off the mark and much of the written information can certainly been seen as lacking for someone who claims to have been collecting since the late 70's. Yet, (at least for this reader) all of the `could be improved upon bits' are readily forgiven in gratitude for the one thing that this book has proved, and that, for me, is a `kick start' into a hobby that I am just passionate about, collecting White Knob Windup toys.

Welcome to the world of White Knob Wind Up Toys (WKWs). Their diversity, availability, and price make these small, ingenious mechanical wonders one of the most collectible toys on the market today. Since the manufacturing of WKWs began in the 1970s, they have hopped, waddled, swam, danced, flipped, and rolled into hearts and homes throughout the world. Never has any toy been more plentifully accepted and enjoyed by both children and adults alike. This book, which is as irresistible as the WKWs it features, includes over 275 full-color photographs, a price guide, and the information you need to either start or continue building a wonderful collection.

About the AuthorRobert Birkenes has been a dedicated modern and antique toy collector for over 30 years. His great passion lies in discovering, researching, collecting, and enjoying toys worldwide, of all kinds and descriptions. It was natural that he was attracted to the inexpensive and creative white knob wind up toys when they were first introduced in the 1970s. In the world of toy collectors, the overlooked white knobs are a relatively new and undiscovered toy, one that Birkenes believes will grow strongly in importance and collector value over the years. Robert Birkenes received his B.F.A. Degree in Advertising at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. His career as an award-winning advertising Creative Director spanned the continent with upwardly mobile positions in Chicago, Los Angeles, Boca Raton, Florida and Mexico City. He has conceived and executed comprehensive advertising campaigns for General Motors, United Air Lines, Sears, Kraft Foods, Kellogg's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Budget Rent-A-Car and dozens of other high-profile international corporations. His strong graphic background, combined with his drawing and painting talent, has earned his scarce individual art works a place in many public and private art collections throughout North America. As a consultant, Birkenes currently advises a broad portfolio of small, medium and large companies on their creative advertising campaigns, as well as working full speed ahead on a new series of books and videos on collectible toys and related subjects.