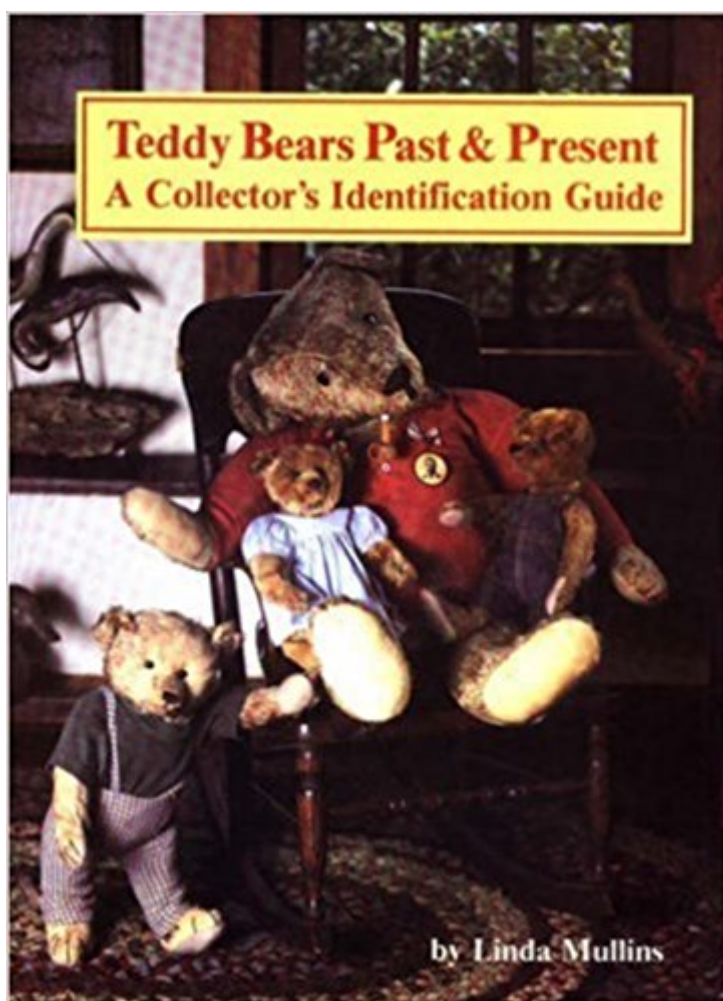


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# Teddy Bears Past And Present: A Collector's Identification Guide (Vol 1)



## Synopsis

This volume contains a wealth of critical background information on the history of leading bear manufacturers and over 600 photographs, 80 in color, of the bears they produced. This book makes it easy to determine the price of your favorite bears because of its visual and chronological order. Best presentation about the distinguishing characteristics of bears, labels, and tags. 304 pages.

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"This is the first in-depth study of the anatomy of the Teddy Bear as a means of identification and attribution. The author has literally exposed the inner parts of Teddy Bears to show collectors what they look like, and which manufacturers used the various parts in making their bears. She also points out facial and body designs that are attributable to certain Teddy Bear makers exclusively. Identification tags and buttons are also treated in this all-encompassing visual and reference tome on the Teddy Bear. Profusely and artfully illustrated in color and black-and-white are hundreds of Teddy Bears which collectors can use to identify and date their bears. Linda Mullins has strived for-and attained-accuracy in every aspect of her treatise on the Teddy Bear. Teddy Bear lovers will find this an invaluable reference book that successfully captures the warmth of man's favorite toy, the Teddy Bear." -- Albert Christian Revi, Editor, *The Teddy Bear and Friends*

Teddy Bears Past and Present is the quintessential reference book for collectors of the beloved

teddy bear. Primarily a collector's identification guide, this book contains a wealth of background information on the history of leading bear manufacturers and hundreds of photographs of the bears they produce. Among the German firms included are Steiff, Hermann, Schuco and Bing. American companies encompass Ideal, Dakin, Gund and Applause. Merrythought, Farnell, Chad Valley, Deans and Canterbury are some of the British manufacturers discussed. Mrs. Mullins explains how the social climate at the beginning of the 20th century was ripe for the development of the teddy bear. After the industrial revolution, for the first time the average person had some time for leisure. Time for such light-hearted interests plus the ease of communication helped spread the popularity of teddies. Named after President Theodore Roosevelt, the teddy bear was inspired by a political cartoon drawn by William Berryman. From this historic beginning, the story of the teddy is expanded by Mrs. Mullins to include photographs and descriptions of mechanical, musical and battery-operated bears. The book also contains chapters on artists bears, on how to display bears and of other soft toys such as the Golliwog and Billy Possum. Bear postcards, book and other related items are shown in fascinating array. This book has something to interest everyone!

There is a wealth of information for the teddy bear collector in this book. The book has many color photographs so wonderful some would be suitable for framing. Though published in the 1980's, it is still relevant to today's collector of teddy bears.

Linda Mullins identification book is a must for the teddy bear collector. I have followed Mullins' teddy bear shows in So. California for almost 20 years and this book captures the knowledge and experience of Mullins. This book offers comprehensive information that not only clearly identifies past collectible teddy bears but provides bear "seekers" valuable information on the newer bears the collector should be watching. Thanks Linda Mullins for such a fine book!

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