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The Toymakers - Robert Dinsdale 2018-09

The Emporium opens with the first frost of winter. It is the same every year. Across the city, when children wake to see ferns of white stretched across their windows, or walk to school to hear ice crackling underfoot, the whispers begin: the Emporium is open! Christmas is coming, and the goose is getting fat...It is 1917, and London has spent years in the shadow of the First World War. In the heart of Mayfair, though, there is a place of hope. A place where children's dreams can come true, where the impossible becomes possible - that place is Papa Jack's Toy Emporium. For years Papa Jack has created and sold his famous magical toys: hobby horses, patchwork dogs and bears that seem alive, toy boxes bigger on the inside than out, 'instant trees' that sprout from boxes, tin soldiers that can fight battles on their own. Now his sons, Kaspar and Emil, are just old enough to join the family trade. Into this family comes a young Cathy Wray - homeless and vulnerable. The Emporium takes her in, makes her one of its own. But Cathy is about to discover that while all toy shops are places of wonder, only one is truly magical...

Teddy - James Sage 2019-05-07

A delightful tale of the first-ever teddy bear. The story goes that on a hunting trip in 1902, President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear. A political cartoonist shared the story in the newspaper and then, impressed by the president's big, warm heart, shopkeepers Rosie and Morris Michtom decided to create a "Teddy" bear in his honor to sell in their store. The bear was so popular, they made another. And another. And before they knew it, they needed to build a factory: it seemed every child wanted a teddy bear of their own! History with a twist of fun! Now there's even more to love about the ever-popular toy!

The Toymaker's Book of Wooden Vehicles - Ralph S. Buckland 1984

The Toymaker's Apprentice - Sherri L. Smith 2016-10-04

Journeyman toymaker Stefan Drosselmeyer is recruited by his mysterious cousin, Christian, to find a mythical nut that will save Boldavia's princess and his own kidnapped father from a fanatical Mouse Queen and her seven-headed Mouse Prince, who have sworn to destroy the Drosselmeyer family.

Oddkins - Dean Koontz 2012-09-04

The #1 New York Times–bestselling author's visually stunning story about a magical band of living toys who learn to overcome their fears. Toymaker Isaac Bodkins created the Oddkins, a group of living toys, for very special children who face difficulties in life and need true friends. There's Amos, the brave stuffed bear; Skippy, the rabbit who dreams of being a superstar; Butterscotch, the gentle, floppy-eared pup; Burl the elephant; the wise and scholarly Gibbons; and Patch the cat. The Oddkins are given to children to inspire, support, and love them, especially during times of adversity. Only now, the toys themselves are the ones who need help. Before he dies, Mr. Bodkins delivers a dire warning to Amos the bear: Watch out for an evil toymaker and his dangerous creations! Locked up in the dark sub-basement, another group of toys is climbing out of boxes and crates and coming to life as well. These bad toys—like Rex and Lizzie, the puppets with no strings; Gear, the vicious robot; and Stinger, the horrid buzzing bumblebee with his knife-sharp stinger—were made to hurt children, not help them. Leering, laughing, and deadly, they are let loose into the world by a terrifying force. Frightening as it may be, the Oddkins must go on a journey to find Colleen Shannon, Mr. Bodkins's chosen successor as a life-giving toymaker and the only person who can save them. The stormy night is perilous and the Oddkins face a danger that threatens not only their magic . . . but the magic in us all.

The Toymakers Daughter - Annette Jones 2018-09-14

Follow Lillico, the toymakers daughter and her new friends on an adventure. Will she find the Scholar School of Magic and save her village?

The Toymaker - Jeremy de Quidt 2010-07-06

What good is a toy that will wind down? What if you could put a heart in one? A real heart. One that beat and beat and didn't stop. What couldn't you do if you could make a toy like that? From the moment Mathias becomes the owner of a mysterious piece of paper, he is in terrible danger. Entangled in devious plots and pursued by the sinister Doctor Leiter and his devilish toys, Mathias finds himself on a quest to uncover a deadly secret.

The Night Circus - Erin Morgenstern 2011-09-13

#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Two starcrossed magicians engage in a deadly game of cunning in the spellbinding novel that captured the world's imagination. • "Part love story, part fable ... defies both genres and expectations." —The Boston Globe The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called Le Cirque des Rêves, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco soon tumble headfirst into love, setting off a domino effect of dangerous consequences, and leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance.

The Toymakers - Robert Dinsdale 2018-02-08

Do you remember when you believed in magic? An enchanting, magical novel set in a mysterious toyshop - perfect for fans of Erin Morgenstern's *The Night Circus* and Stephanie Garber's *Caraval* by way of Jessie Burton's *The Miniaturist* It is 1917, and while war wages across Europe, in the heart of London, there is a place of hope and enchantment. The Emporium sells toys that capture the imagination of children and adults alike: patchwork dogs that seem alive, toy boxes that are bigger on the inside, soldiers that can fight battles of their own. Into this family business comes young Cathy Wray, running away from a shameful past. The Emporium takes her in, makes her one of its own. But Cathy is about to discover that the Emporium has secrets of its own... 'engaging and enchanting ... a fairytale for adults, with all the wonder - and terror - that that entails...it is the sense of joy that lingers in this fine book.' The Observer An EBook Number 1 bestseller with over 400 5* reviews - readers are enchanted by this magic tale: 'If you only buy one book this year - buy this one!' 'As if Terry Pratchett has come back to life Disney Toy Story style' 'Best book I've read for many years' 'A book to lose yourself in'

Kringle - The Story of a Young Toymaker - D.P. McWane 2016-11-25

A young carpenter starts a new life in a small New England town where he makes toys for an unscrupulous boss. He meets a single mother and helps her sons' gang, The Airlords, build Buck Rogers spaceships looking sleds to race. They expose the boss's sham and on Dec. 24th he delivers toys to every child so they can "feel fortunate, even if it's for just one day". Along the way he earns the love of the single mother and her sons.

The Three Toymakers - Ursula Moray Williams 1971

Toymakers of the Black Forest strive to create the perfect toy and win the king's prize of a thousand gold pieces.

Little Exiles - Robert Dinsdale 2014

Jon Heather, proud to be nearly nine, knows that Christmas is a time for family. But one evening in December 1948, no longer able to cope, his mother leaves him by a door. Several weeks later, still certain his mother will come back, Jon finds himself on a boat set for Australia.

The Making of the Black Working Class in Britain - Ron Ramdin 2017-08-22

A classic history of the role of Black working-class struggles throughout the twentieth century In this pioneering history, Ron Ramdin traces the roots of Britain's disadvantaged black working class. From the

development of a small black presence in the sixteenth century, through the colonial labour institutions of slavery, indentureship, and trade unionism, Ramdin expertly guides us through the stages of creation for a UK minority whose origins are often overlooked. He examines the emergence of a black radical ideology underpinning twentieth-century struggles against unemployment, racial attacks and workplace inequality, and delves into the murky realms of employer and trade union racism. First published in 1987, this revised edition includes a new introduction reflecting on events over the past four decades.

One Hundred Toymakers Who Create Wood Toys for Fun and Profit - John Lewman 2010

The Harrowing - Robert Dinsdale 2009

January, 1916. William Redmond, soon to join the Chapeltown Rifles, wanders with his younger brother Samuel through the old haunts of their childhood - and, there, at the top of the Moor across which they are forbidden to walk, Samuel, for too long trapped in his brother's shadow, stoves William's head in with a stone.

Paris By Starlight - Robert Dinsdale 2020-11-05

A magical new novel from the acclaimed author of THE TOYMAKERS, perfect for fans of Neil Gaiman and Erin Morgenstern. 'A spellbinding tale of nocturnal life and magic in the streets of Paris tells of the courage it takes to be different and follow your dreams.' WATERSTONES

'Beautifully captures the hazy dissonance of storytelling and invention.' GUARDIAN

Every city has its own magic... Every night on their long journey to Paris from their troubled homeland, Levon's grandmother has read to them from a very special book. Called The Nocturne, it is a book full of fairy stories and the heroic adventures of their people who generations before chose to live by starlight. And with every story that Levon's grandmother tells them in their new home, the desire to live as their ancestors did grows. And that is when the magic begins... But not everyone in Paris is won over by the spectacle of Paris-by-Starlight. There are always those that fear the other, the unexplained, the strangers in our midst. How long can the magic of night rub up against the ordinariness of day? How long can two worlds occupy the same streets and squares before there is an outright war? Readers love Paris by Starlight! 'Robert Dinsdale, I salute you! A smorgasbord of delights. It's a wondrous thing to be able to visit Paris by Starlight and I'd recommend a trip to you all!' 'Beautifully written and its observations on human nature are spot on. Exceptionally cleverly done. Exceptionally written piece of fabulism with gorgeous, evocative imagery.' 'A real treat and just as enchanting as Dinsdale's The Toymakers. Full of magic as well as being a moving tale of displacement, longing and love.' Lovely cover and beautiful prose. I'm about half way through and enjoying every page! 'A truly magical tale that couldn't be more relevant for our times.' 'A gorgeously written tale of love and acceptance'

Weekly World News - 1981-09-01

Rooted in the creative success of over 30 years of supermarket tabloid publishing, the Weekly World News has been the world's only reliable news source since 1979. The online hub www.weeklyworldnews.com is a leading entertainment news site.

Divided Loyalties - Gary Russell 1999

An adventure featuring the fifth Doctor Who, Tegan, Nyssa and Adric, and delving into the past of the first Doctor. The story explores the relationship between the universe and one of the Doctor's oldest protagonists, the Celestial Toymaker.

Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse - Ursula Moray Williams 2017-01-26

Rediscover the classic magical adventure of the Little Wooden Horse, brought to life with the original inside illustrations from the author of Milly-Molly-Mandy, Joyce Lankester Brisley. When Uncle Peder the toymaker falls on hard times, his little wooden horse must go out into the world to seek his fortune. But whether he's working in a coal mine, sailing the seven seas with a band of pirates or walking the tightrope in a circus, the loyal little horse only has one wish: to return to his beloved master. Originally published in 1938, Ursula Moray-Williams' The Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse is her most famous story and continues to be one of the most-loved classic stories of children's literature. With its glorious inside illustrations by Joyce Lankester Brisley and cover artwork from Catherine Rayner, this beautiful hardback edition is a truly special gift to treasure.

The Toy Maker's Key - J. Monroe McCoy 2019-02-08

The Toy Maker's Key By: j. Monroe McCoy The Toy Maker's Key (Every Now and Then) is a mystery novel about a simple man named Jim who

had a simple plan, until chance (or fate) took him on a journey to another place and time. His journey was recorded on logs and tells the tale of the most dangerous serial killer ever to walk the face of the earth. This book was put together after Jim's last set of logs were found. His final logs were written on Friday the 13th, 2006. This book was put together the following day with the hope that it may somehow help find him: because, as of today, he's still missing.

The Toymaker's Dream - Christopher Shennan 2015-09-30

The Toymaker's Dream is an allegory of God's plan of redemption, from creation to Christ's substitutionary death on the cross. Employing the imagery of a dream it has captured the imagination of adults and children alike, and has been published in several languages, including Polish, Hungarian, and French. Performed on stage as a drama, a musical, and mime, it tells the story of God's love in a way easy to understand. Christian parents and other caregivers are always looking for stories to share with their children that carry the message of God within them. This story is a unique way of telling children about the Bible that uses a fun, colorful dream that will interest them. This will begin many wonderful conversations between parents and children about God and the Bible. Born in South Africa in 1943, Christopher Shennan really began to live on the 29th of August 1967, when he was born again through the power of Jesus Christ. Since then, only one passion has consumed him, to communicate the love of Christ through any and every means at his disposal. As a children's evangelist, he was always searching for ways to make Bible truth understandable to the minds of children. It occurred to him that a toymaker dreaming of his toys rebelling against him, was a fitting way to convey the story of human rebellion and of God's plan of salvation. The author sends forth this new edition of The Toymaker's Dream with the prayer that God may be glorified through its publication, and that may be brought to an understanding of God's love through it."

TOYMAKERS - Charles Felton 1844-1923 Pidgin 2016-08-28

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The Toymaker - Liam Pieper 2016-06-27

'Hugely memorable, The Toymaker is an unflinching examination of the dark instinct for survival that lies in all of us.' Hannah Kent, author of Burial Rites A person is defined by the secrets they keep . . . Adam Kulakov likes his life. He's on the right side of middle age; the toy company he owns brightens the lives of children around the world; and he has more money than he can ever spend, a wife and child he adores, and as many mistresses as he can reasonably hide from them. And he is not the only one with secrets. In 1944, Adam's grandfather, Arkady, was imprisoned in Auschwitz and given an impossible choice. Now, as he's coming to the end of his life, he has to keep the truth from his family, and hold back the crushing memories of his time with one of history's greatest monsters. As a mistake threatens to bring Adam's world tumbling down around him, the past reaches for Arkady. Everything he's spent a lifetime building will be threatened, as will everything Adam and his family think they know of the world. Bold, dark and compelling, The Toymaker is a novel about privilege, fear and the great harm we can do when we are afraid of losing what we hold dear. 'Pieper writes superbly. The Toymaker gives immediate and absorbing pleasure, and has similarities to J M Coetzee's Disgrace in terms of the main character's wretched search for redemption, both for himself and for humanity.'

Books+Publishing

Kingdoms of Light - Alan Dean Foster 2001-02-20

After the all-powerful wizard Susnam Evyndd is defeated during battle with an evil clan of sorcerers, the world is plunged into darkness. If the spell is not quickly reversed, all plants will die off from lack of sun, until everything & everyone-is destroyed. Yet Evyndd's death sets off his last

& greatest spell, transforming his household pets into humans. With Emyndd's instructions, the group sets out to return light to the world...but pursuing the missing light promises to be difficult & dangerous & carries no guarantee of success.

Foxfire in the Snow - J.S. Fields 2021-07-19

Woodcutter or witch? Alchemist or scientist? Can Sorin's duality save their nation? Born the heir of a master woodcutter in a queendom defined by guilds and matrilineal inheritance, nonbinary Sorin can't quite seem to find their place. At seventeen, an opportunity to attend an alchemical guild fair and secure an apprenticeship with the queen's alchemist is just within reach. But on the day of the fair, Sorin's mother goes missing, along with the Queen and hundreds of guild masters, forcing Sorin into a woodcutting inheritance they never wanted. With guild legacy at stake, Sorin puts apprentice dreams on hold to embark on a journey with the royal daughter to find their mothers and stop the hemorrhaging of guild masters. Princess Magda, an estranged childhood friend, tests Sorin's patience—and boundaries. But it's not just a princess that stands between Sorin and their goals. To save the country of Sorpsi, Sorin must define their place between magic and alchemy or risk losing Sorpsi to rising industrialization and a dark magic that will destroy Sorin's chance to choose their own future.

The Toymaker's Workshop and Other Tales - Jo Boulton 2004

Presenting links between the activities and the early learning goals, and Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Requirements, this book in the series features activities on Humpty Dumpty, Billy Goats Gruff and The Lonely Dragon.

The Whirling Top - LaMont Morris 2020-01-30

Timely, inventive and insightful, *The Whirling Top* is an eloquently written maze of poetry from the perspective of childhood innocence to manhood amid a world of subtle and overt racism. Morris captures his passion for children's playthings against the inescapable contrasts and foils of a long history of injustice, scripted from the heart, soul and journey as a black toymaker living in America. Morris is an award winning industrial Designer / Inventor featured in *Black Enterprise Magazine* as one of "America's Top Black Designers." He is credited for numerous awards in the toy industry including the patented Toy Oven, the Easy-Bake, Real Meal Oven, which won the 2003 Best Toy Parenting magazine Toy of the Year Award. Morris is also listed as inventor on patents of major classic brands such as Play-Doh, Lite-Brite, Tonka, Fisher-Price toys and more. His toy design efforts helped to achieve Best Licensed "Toy of the Year" for the most successful marriage between a property and a toy for the Hasbro, Inc. 2001 "Bob the Builder Electronic Talking Scoop" as derived from the Bob the Builder children's television series. Aside from his daily work as a toy designer, Morris is a skilled paper sculpture artist and in 1994 he was commissioned by the Hasbro Children's Foundation to create works of art as awards to honor the late American journalist and television news Anchor Peter Jennings and the staff at ABC news for their contributions to children's news coverage around the world.

The Toymaker - Jeremy De Quidt 2010

As his grandfather is dying, Mathias takes a small scrap of paper from him that contains a clue to a dangerous secret.

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The Toymaker - Marilyn Scott-Waters 2004-07-01

Templates for making toys out of paper.

The Toymaker's Apprentice - Sherri L. Smith 2015-10-13

A gorgeously imagined Nutcracker retelling from award-winning author

making her middle-grade debut Stefan Drosselmeyer is a reluctant apprentice to his toymaker father until the day his world is turned upside down. His father is kidnapped and Stefan is enlisted by his mysterious cousin, Christian Drosselmeyer, to find a mythical nut to save a princess who has been turned into a wooden doll. Embarking on a wild adventure through Germany, Stefan must save Boldavia's princess and his own father from the fanatical Mouse Queen and her seven-headed Mouse Prince, both of whom have sworn to destroy the Drosselmeyer family. Based on the original inspiration for the Nutcracker ballet, Sherri L. Smith brings the Nutcracker Prince to life in this fascinating journey into a world of toymaking, magical curses, clockmaking guilds, talking mice and erudite squirrels.

The Toymaker's Curse - C. J. Archer 2021-03-02

Are curses real? After a toymaker magician gives a lecture at a collector's club soiree, an important spell is stolen and a man is found strangled. The investigation into his murder leads India and Matt to the colorful and dangerous world of the Romany gypsy where curses are used as weapons against their enemies. But nobody seems to know if curses are real or not. As Matt and India close in on the killer, old foes bring trouble into their lives. With the threat of exposure hanging over London's magicians, disaster is never far away. Then one fateful day, catastrophe strikes the Park Street household.

The Toymaker's Daughter - Ursula Moray Williams 1968

A doll so perfect she is almost human runs away from her evil toymaker "father" in an attempt to become a real girl.

The Toymakers - Charles Felton Pidgin 1907

The Toymaker's workshop and Other Tales - Jo Boulton 2013-01-11

This series responds to the increasing awareness of role play as an exciting and effective approach to enhance children's learning. Each book provides a selection of themed drama activities that develop a range of skills while drawing on children's natural ability to play. Through their imaginative engagement with fictional worlds, children acquire new knowledge and understanding. *The Toymaker's Workshop and Other Tales* includes activities on: Humpty Dumpty Billy Goats Gruff The Lonely Dragon. User-friendly, visual and easy to read, this series is a must for classroom teachers, nursery nurses, playgroup leaders and learning support assistants within pre-school and Key Stage 1 settings who are unfamiliar or wary of role play but want to incorporate it into their teaching.

Pure Invention - Matt Alt 2021-06-22

The untold story of how Japan became a cultural superpower through the fantastic inventions that captured—and transformed—the world's imagination. "A masterful book driven by deep research, new insights, and powerful storytelling."—W. David Marx, author of *Ametora: How Japan Saved American Style* Japan is the forge of the world's fantasies: karaoke and the Walkman, manga and anime, Pac-Man and Pokémon, online imageboards and emojis. But as Japan media veteran Matt Alt proves in this brilliant investigation, these novelties did more than entertain. They paved the way for our perplexing modern lives. In the 1970s and '80s, Japan seemed to exist in some near future, gliding on the superior technology of Sony and Toyota. Then a catastrophic 1990 stock-market crash ushered in the "lost decades" of deep recession and social dysfunction. The end of the boom should have plunged Japan into irrelevance, but that's precisely when its cultural clout soared—when, once again, Japan got to the future a little ahead of the rest of us. Hello Kitty, the Nintendo Entertainment System, and multimedia empires like *Dragon Ball Z* were more than marketing hits. Artfully packaged, dangerously cute, and dizzyingly fun, these products gave us new tools for coping with trying times. They also transformed us as we consumed them—connecting as well as isolating us in new ways, opening vistas of imagination and pathways to revolution. Through the stories of an indelible group of artists, geniuses, and oddballs, *Pure Invention* reveals how Japan's pop-media complex remade global culture.

Living with Wood - Seri C. Robinson 2020-05-28

A great guide for budding wood workers, parents, and future wood scientists. For anyone who has ever used, owned, or been curious about wood of any kind, this guide offers a fantastic summary of the science behind the material's anatomy, chemistry, and general upkeep. With easy-to-understand descriptions, you'll never have difficulty deciding what wood to work with or how to clean your boarded floors again. Offering a general overview of the material, this guide's long list of topics includes best uses of wood in the home, finishing and coloring, woodworking machines, and unsafe woods. Get to know one of the most prevalent materials in your home, and use this guide to master any

creative, cleaning, decorating, or furnishing projects you may have!

Black Sugar - Miguel Bonnefoy 2018-03-15

'A beautifully crafted tale of how small loves can grow into the big ones, often quite unexpectedly.' The Irish Times A prize-winning author's magical realist fable about greed and corruption in Venezuela, *Black Sugar* gives a fascinating view of the country's social and economic development throughout the twentieth century through the story of a family of sugarcane growers. It tells of buried treasure and the legendary privateer Henry Morgan. On the edge of the Latin American rainforest, the Oteros family farm sugar cane in their remote corner of the earth. Cut off entirely from the modern world, life is peaceful, uneventful. Until, that is, a succession of ships arrive in search of Henry Morgan's legendary lost treasure, said to be buried deep beneath the forest floor. Soon, the isolated villagers are exposed to all the trappings of modernity, while the travellers' search for booty unearths more than anybody could have anticipated... And so it was that the treasure lay buried amid scraps of sail and a pirate's corpse, preserved within the belly of the Caribbean... Reviews 'Gallic Books have a lovely knack for publishing quirky and engaging novels, often compact and always accessible. Miguel Bonnefoy continues that tradition with his intriguing second novel, *Black Sugar*. With a pitch-perfect translation by Emily Boyce, this is a beautifully crafted tale of how small loves can grow into the big ones, often quite unexpectedly.' The Irish Times 'Its lyricism and vivid descriptions of a tropical landscape make it worth stopping by for.' The Big Issue 'An astonishing novel about the rise and fall of a family over time... *Black Sugar* is not to be missed.' Portland Review of Books 'Simply written, Miguel Bonnefoy's story almost reads like a fable,

weaving themes of greed and corruption into a pirate drama.' World Literature Today 'Bonnefoy's French and South American heritage infuse the novel, it combines the best of the European tradition and magical realism. It's a mix of folklore and exotic storytelling. Rich in description, lyrical, elegant and fantastical.' Nudge Magazine 'Entirely satisfying (...)' Black Sugar holds its own in the Latin American magical-realism tradition.' Foreword Reviews 'Black Sugar comes out at a time when Venezuela is in the news for violence and turmoil. But Bonnefoy's prose bursts with pride for the region and its people, particularly the farms and farmers. At the same time, he acknowledges the colonizing forces that fomented unrest, whose influence is felt today as the country destabilizes. It's an important book to read right now, for even though it's fantastical fiction, it gives the reader context for the next headline.' Necessary Fiction 'Black Sugar is a beautiful generational saga akin to *One Hundred Years of Solitude* or *The House of the Spirits* ... Bonnefoy never loses his own voice and continues to write with strokes of brilliant colours and sounds.' The Book Bag 'Rich in sensuous imagery and wonderful descriptions.' Trip Fiction 'Black Sugar stands out as one of the beautiful surprises of this autumn ... Here, everything is lived to the full, love passion and desire for power, fidelity and ambition.' L'Express *The Three Toymakers* - Ursula Moray Williams 1971

Toymakers of the Black Forest strive to create the perfect toy and win the king's prize of a thousand gold pieces.

Malkin's Mountain - Ursula Moray Williams 1972

When he becomes trapped in the underground domain of the evil toymaker Malkin, Rudi Toymaker tries to find a way of destroying his rival's power.