**Synopsis**

Tin-lithographed toys have enjoyed tremendous popularity among collectors. Banks, wind-up toys, tea sets and sand pails are but a few of the playthings produced from the 1920s to the 1960s by such great toy manufacturers as Ohio Art, Wolverine, Marx, and Chein. They are now widely treasured and increasingly valuable as they become harder to find. Includes value references.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

I really wanted to like this book more than I did. I've just gotten into Tin-Litho toys and I wanted my first fairly expensive (for it's size) book to contain at least SOME the information I required. No go. There is information on the manufacturers, but it is extremely limited, and not very tight. In some cases, the information is limited to half a page or so. . . And this was on one of the biggies. There are tons of pix, but not in color. That's a big part of Tin-Litho! If you don't know what the color was to begin with, how do you know what condition it's in now? Another problem I had with the book is the valuation scale that the author kind of thought up. With as many different (and accepted) scales to determine the value of a collectible today, it seems odd to me that she needed to invent another. It's sort of like re-inventing the wheel; Sure, you COULD. . . But why? Again, I'd like to be able to give more credit to this book, but it's just not there. . . Really great cover, but not much behind it. . . Maybe next edition.

I got this book because I have started to build a modest pre-1960 sand pail collection. I realise that
this book covers many other types of tin-litho toys, but even so, I found the sand pail section worth
the price. The most valuable information, IMO, is the designs of each maker’s marks (logos) to help
you ID the time frame of production of a specific item. These marks changed over time (8 for Chein,
6 for Ohio Art). About 73 pails are shown on 15 pages with a size reference, and prices for Excellent
and Good examples. However, the book itself is circa 1995, although one must remember that this
was pre-eBay pricing. Yes, most items are in B&W, but this does not matter, identification-wise, to
me.

THIS BOOK DOES HAVE LOTS OF GOOD INFO, BUT IN MY OPINION, MORE PHOTOS IN
COLOR WOULD HAVE IMPROVED IT. I ENJOYED SEEING MANY TOYS FROM MY
CHILDHOOD - THAT I STILL HAVE, ESPECIALLY THE TIN LITHO TEA SETS OF THE 30’S AND
40’S BY OHIO ART AND WOLVERINE. THIS IS A GREAT BOOK IN COMBINATION WITH LISA
KERR’S LATER EDITION CALLED “OHIO ART THE WORLD OF TOYS”, WHICH HAS A
COPYRIGHT DATE OF 1998. THAT EDITION IS ALL IN COLOR. I HAVE BOTH AND AM GLAD
TO BE ABLE TO SEE MORE OF WHAT I’M LOOKING FOR BY CHECKING EACH OF THEM.
ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE “COLLECTOR’S GUIDE TO HOUSEKEEPING
TOYS 1870-1970”, BY MARGARET WRIGHT, COPYRIGHT 2007. IT’S ANOTHER GOOD
COMPANION TO THE TWO MENTIONED ABOVE AND ALL PHOTOS ARE IN COLOR, WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF THE SAMPLE PAGES OF EARLY CATALOGUES. I HIGHLY ADVISE
GETTING ALL THREE.

American Tin-Litho Toys by Lisa Kerr is a lovely initial introduction to collecting tin-litho toys. While it
may not be as comprehensive as other resources, for someone gettting started it’s very compelling.
The illustrations are beautiful and the book is well laid out. I saw many familiar friends that long ago
went into the trash or took the trip to Goodwill.

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