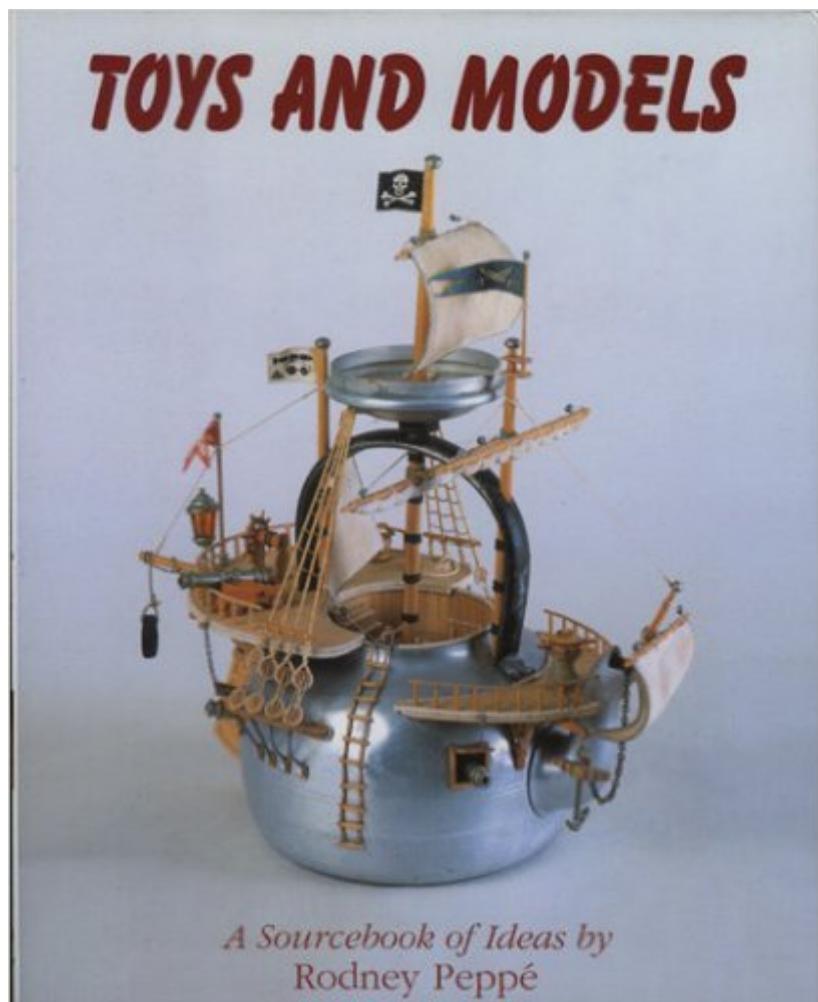


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Toys And Models: A Sourcebook Of Ideas



Synopsis

Toys and Models is a book of ideas for anyone interested in making toys, models and automata. Rodney Pepp, has combined a career as a children's author/illustrator with designing and making toys, models and automata. This combination provides the main source of the book. Exhibiting in one-man, non-selling shows, he has managed to retain most of his creations for these pages. This has enabled all the items to be photographed together and offers a rare homogeneity encompassing the various but connected aspects of his work. The book is divided into three sections: 1. Hand-cranked moving toys; 2. Electric models, clocks and automata; 3. Models and characters made for picture books and television. At the end of the book there are simple plans for simple items for the reader to make.

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This is not so much a sourcebook of ideas as it is a nice picture book of the author's works, which range from quite beautiful, the best being the Kettleship on the cover, to the very simple and uninteresting. The book is quite pricey for what you get, or don't get. There is very little discussion of mechanics, materials or anything that will get you started on a project. Too much of the material concerns children's books that the author has written, and his proposed animated television projects. The author blows his own horn way to much for my liking. There are a few drawings in the back of the book for you to use as a guide to making some of his simple toys, but I wouldn't call them plans, as he does. This will go on my bookcase, most likely never to be viewed again. Future

buyers beware!

I'm new to automata and enjoyed reading and looking at the creations. I especially enjoyed how simple techniques were used to create such interesting toys and models. The book is not a how-to manual, but shows what is possible with a good idea and common objects.

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