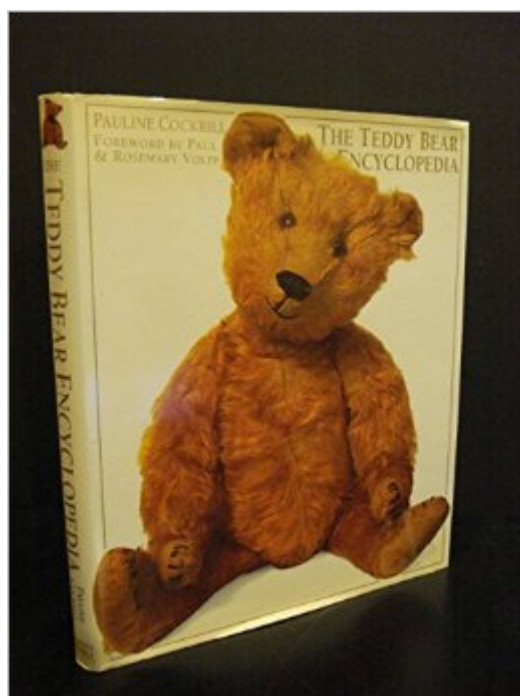


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# The Teddy Bear Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

Paul and Rosemary Volpp started their bear collection with Amelia Bearhart in the early 1980's. Since that time they have become avid collectors of about 5,000 bears from around the world. The Volpps with Teddy-bear historian Pauline Cockrill have written about and photographed many of the world's most famous, popular or rare bears. The book is loaded with historical information, bear making, care and repair of bears, and of the major bear making companies. Some of the bear companies with important examples of their bears included are: Steiff, Ideal, Gebruder Bing, J K Farnell, Joy-Toys, Knickerbocker, Gund, Pedigree, Hermann & Co, and the North American Bear Company. Arranged chronologically beginning with the first Steiff bears in 1902. Beautifully photographed and thoughtfully written, THE TEDDY BEAR ENCYCLOPEDIA is a delight for past, present and future all teddy bear lovers!

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If a bear wanted to find out his/her family history, this would be the encyclopedia to buy. Being a teddy bear is still very in vogue. This is a fascinating way to find out why we love teddy bears and why they appeal to collectors all over the world. You can read about all the best-loved bears, from the original "teddy" to "Winnie-the-Pooh. The latest collectibles such as Beanie Bear and the Millennium Bears are also included. Pauline Cockrill is the internationally recognized expert on the history of the teddy bear. She is also a regular contributor to Teddy Bear Times. If you see a teddy bear and instantly want to buy it...this book IS for you. Also look for The Ultimate Teddy Bear Book

which is considered to be the bible of arctophily (bear collecting) and is used by collectors, dealers and toy shops around the world. The first bear listed was made in 1902 and was an experimental Steiff bear. The bears are listed all the way up to the year 2000. If you think you have seen it all...wait until you see the Pink Dino, a Swiss bear with characteristic elongated designs that I think looks more like a monkey. I much prefer the 1991 Pam Howells bear that has a lace collar, shaggy golden mohair plush "fur" and a cute hat trimmed with fabric roses. The Australian Teddy bear on pg. 137 looks somewhat like a koala bear for some reason. :) I know a place where a lady has bears sitting everywhere in her Bed & Breakfast. You just want to take one of the bears home with you. In each room, she also has a "resident" bear that sits on the fluffy down-comforter covered bed. The whole place is like one big teddy bear picnic. I bet she knows about this book! It is just unbearable not to own more bears.

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