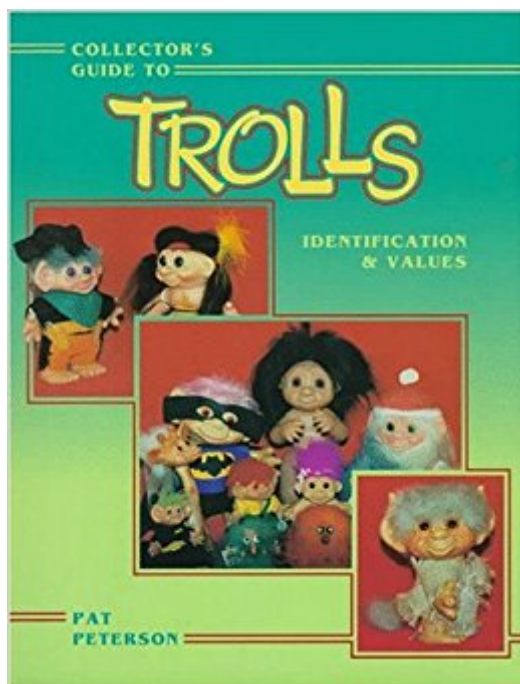


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This book is frustrating. The reader must look in four different sections to find Dam/Norfin trolls: vintage Dam trolls, Norfins (which are Dam products, after all!), animal trolls, and seasonable/special occasion trolls. There are brief mentions of Scandia House Enterprises but none are pictured. Oh, and the author misspells Scandia as "Skandia". There was one place in which she got it right but in the next sentence---and every one thereafter--- she misspelled it. I was disappointed that there was such a paucity of information on rare Dam trolls. For example, one of the most irritating deficiencies in this book is the paucity of information on tailed Dam trolls. There's a discussion on tailed trolls but only pictures of the 6.5" doll. The author made no mention that there are two other sizes of tailed trolls that are even more hard to find than the large 6.5" troll---the 3.5" and 2.5" dolls. They're vintage. They were around when this book was written. And pray tell---why is there a picture of a filthy 1960s Dam troll on page 43? Yes, condition is everything but it does little good to show a troll in such poor shape. It is also confusing. All too often, people don't actually read books on collectibles and they look only at the pictures. Upon seeing this picture, a novice collector might be convinced that even trolls in the worst possible shape are collector's items as is. Trust me

on this. I've collected Barbie and was amazed at how many people thought a green-eared Barbie with fingers missing and torn out hair are worth thousands. Perhaps my bias is showing but I don't get why there was so much emphasis on Wishniks and Russ trolls. The story behind Wishniks is fascinating, especially since they're made from Dam molds (due to copyright issues) and I liked the addition of catalog pictures and such. But why was there no mention of Dam advertising? I was also amused at the author saying that Wishniks had more pleasant smiles than Dams, which is surprising since they were made from Dam molds. And the Russ trolls---sorry, they aren't collectable, at least right now. Perhaps someday but the lack of diversity in the face molds makes me think they will never be as collectable as Dam or even Wishnik. The saving grace in this book was the section on Norwegian trolls, specifically Nyforms. I also liked the descriptions of troll folklore in different Scandinavian countries. For those inclusions, I give this book two stars.

Seriously, people gave this book 5 stars? The first page I opened to had a Wishnik improperly labeled as a marked Dam (one of many mistakes I found). All of the smaller trolls were classified as 3", there was no differentiation between 2-1/4" up to 3". Scandia was improperly spelled as Skandia and the list goes on. Type troll into your web browser and you will get a whole lot more VALID information. Hell you can find more just scrolling through Ebay listings. Now I want to return it and it's going to cost me \$5.00 to send back grrrr

Love my troll book. Very helpful to get my eBay listings more accurate. Great photos & I find it very accurate.

very helpful, strongly recommend book, only thing was some trolls didn't have a value listed, only description, but let you know where to look.

Shows rare and common trolls with many color pictures. Easy to use reference guide for both the beginning and advanced troll collector. Gives good idea of prices.

This along with Debra Clark's TROLL book make troll collecting and selling a snap! This is good for all around general information.

great!

If you are interested in collecting trolls, this is the book for you. From Dam trolls to Animal trolls, to Hobnobbins and Clowns, this guide offers information on identifying trolls, a history of troll makers, and full-color pictures of over 1,000 trolls. Obviously written by someone who truly enjoys collecting them, this guide is a pleasure to read. Highly recommended!

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