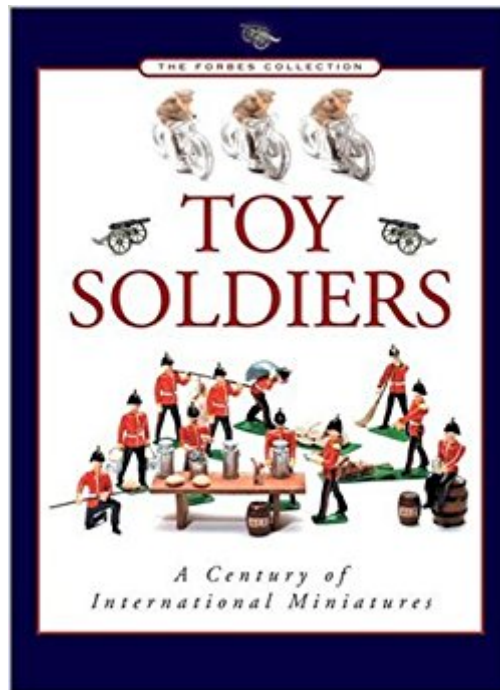




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# Toy Soldiers (Forbes Collection)



## Synopsis

Toy soldiers, which were mass produced for more than 150 years, are extremely collectible. Now, the prestigious Forbes Galleries have opened their superb collection of toy soldiers for this stunning visual tour, featuring photographs and illustrations of some of the finest toy soldiers ever produced. The Forbes Galleries in New York City include exhibits of the fabled Fabergé Easter eggs and jewelry, toy boats, presidential manuscripts, fine art, and more than 10,000 soldiers of different styles and eras, made of solid lead, hollow cast metal, paper, composition, and other materials, beautifully displayed in dioramas.

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## Customer Reviews

Richard Scholl is a consultant, award-winning creative director, and author who has written about collectibles and the industry for decades. A former managing editor of *The Matchbox Collector*, he is the author of *Matchbox: The Official 50th Anniversary Edition*, a comprehensive pictorial history book that won rave reviews internationally. He resides in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

This is a unique book that is interesting pictorially and textually. It has full-color photos of highlights of Malcolm Forbes' vast toy soldier collection. Visually it will show a particular diorama in its totality--for example, "Washington Reviews his Troops" or "The Wild West" or "A Man Called Britain"-- and then highlight a few scenes within that diorama showing the figures in closer detail. There are many different dioramas representing different moments in history and different types of

soldiers (ie. Aztecs, cowboys, British Grenadiers--hollowcasts, flats, dimestore soldiers). If you have a fascination for history and toy soldiers, this book will be enjoyable--though being a relatively thin volume, you may hunger for even more photos of the collection. The text is an interesting blend of the story of how the collection was assembled; memories of Malcolm Forbes as recalled by his son, Robert; information on both toy soldiers and toy soldier collecting; even the poem "The Land of Counterpane" about a child and his world of toy soldiers by Robert Louis Stevenson. "Toy Soldiers: A Century of International Miniatures" is a pleasant introduction to not only the Forbes Collection, but also to the appreciation and collecting of colorful and historical toy soldiers. It is part reminiscence, part information, and part story--a unique and pleasurable read.

Interesting book! Did cover the cowboys and indians I am interested in.

Award-winning creative director and veteran writer in the realm of collectibles Richard Scholl presents *Toy Soldiers: A Century Of International Miniatures*, a dazzling study of the Forbes collection, an assemblage of more than 10,000 toy soldiers amassed by world-renowned businessman William Forbes. Full-color photographs of the pieces, and descriptions of the sets' history and how Forbes acquired them fill this captivating "must-have" for toy soldier enthusiasts. *Toy Soldiers'* flawless, visually impressive and narratively engaging presentation elevates children's playthings to the level of collectible sculpted art. Also very highly recommended is Richard Scholl's companion title drawn from the Forbes collection, *Toy Boats: A Century Of Treasures From Sailboats To Submarines* (0762418788, \$12.98).

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