

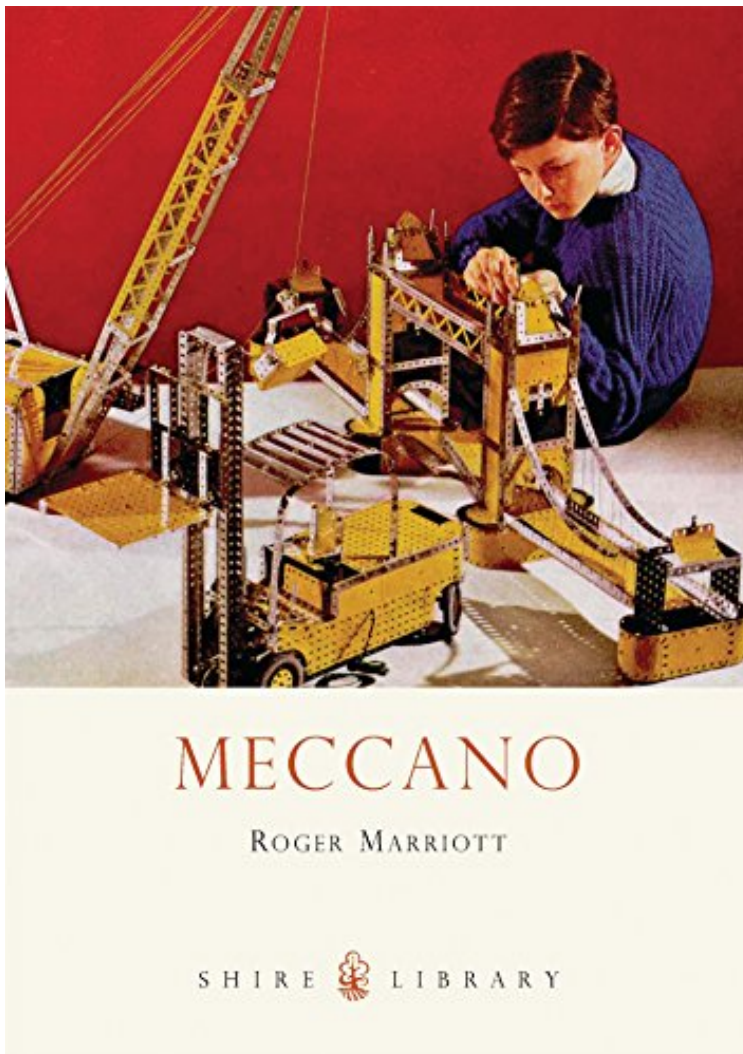
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## **Meccano (Shire Library)**

**Roger Marriott : Meccano (Shire Library)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Meccano (Shire Library):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very informative book about Meccano, the original metal construction set. By M. Nusair. Hobbyists who are interested in the famous toy maker, Meccano Limited of Liverpool, England, will be happy with this book. The book is affordable and is packed with excellent color pictures of Meccano sets and literature, some of which are now spectacularly rare and expensive. Included are pictures of the first sets from the 1901 to 1907 era, "Mechanics Made Easy", before the brand name "Meccano" was coined, as well as examples all the way to 1979, when production in Liverpool stopped. Ironically, "Erector" in the United States, which was started in 1912 after Meccano had been on the market for over a decade, finally stopped it's production in the 1960s or 70s (not

sure of the exact date) but the name "Erector" has been bought by the Meccano company in France, which still makes construction sets. That French company used to be the French subsidiary of Meccano Limited and was the survivor after 1979, and is still producing sets and parts today. In the USA, "Erector" sets can be found in toy stores and, occasionally, at Walmart and Costco and other places, but if you look carefully they are made by "Meccano N.A." of France. Good book and recommended for anyone interested in the product and its history. Erector set aficionados might find it interesting as well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A worthy effort By Roberto M. Pensotti Considering the scarcity of current literature on Meccano, this is not a bad book for someone who wants to know the history of this incredibly successful "toy". A little less informative for the advanced hobbyist. The bibliography is incomplete and leaves out key publications such as "La fantastique Epopee de Meccano" On a Kindle Fire the illustrations are excellent and alone worth the price of the book. Roberto Pensotti 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A slice of history By Charles Chapais This booklet (80 pages) covers the chronology of Meccano metal construction sets from 1901 to 1981. It is abundantly illustrated with ads from various periods, color photographs of various sets and assembled models. It allows the Meccano aficionado to follow the evolution of the company and relate it to the products it offered.

The origin of the name is uncertain but it is now over 100 years since Frank Hornby first used the word Meccano for the toy he invented to amuse his sons. Like the product it described, it is now known all over the world and has entered the dictionary as a term in common usage. Frank Hornby's vision of an educational toy became the basis of perhaps the most successful British Toy manufacturer of the 20th century. Meccano's success, which even surprised its inventor, supported the development of many other high quality products. As well as the famous Hornby trains and Dinky Toys, special purpose motor car and aeroplane construction sets have captivated the imagination of boys since the 1930's. Using a wealth of colour illustrations Roger Marriott tells the story of Meccano, its development into a sophisticated range of parts and outfits embodying correct engineering principles, enabling boys of all ages to build models reflecting the technology of their time. For more than a century Meccano has amused several generations of boys, and a few girls, and encouraged many to become successful engineers. For many of the boys who grew up with Meccano it is still a fascinating way to "build a new toy every day", to create cranes, planes, trains, cars and many others, that really work to the enjoyment of their grandchildren and themselves.

About the Author Roger Marriott was given his first Meccano set at the age of eleven and as with many boys was immediately captivated by its possibilities of building working models. The visit of a nephew some 20 years later led to a revival of interest in both model-building in Meccano, and collecting Meccano products. Now retired from Her Majesty's Inspectorate and a career in further education he continues to be fascinated by the inventive possibilities of the "Toy that Grows with the Boy".