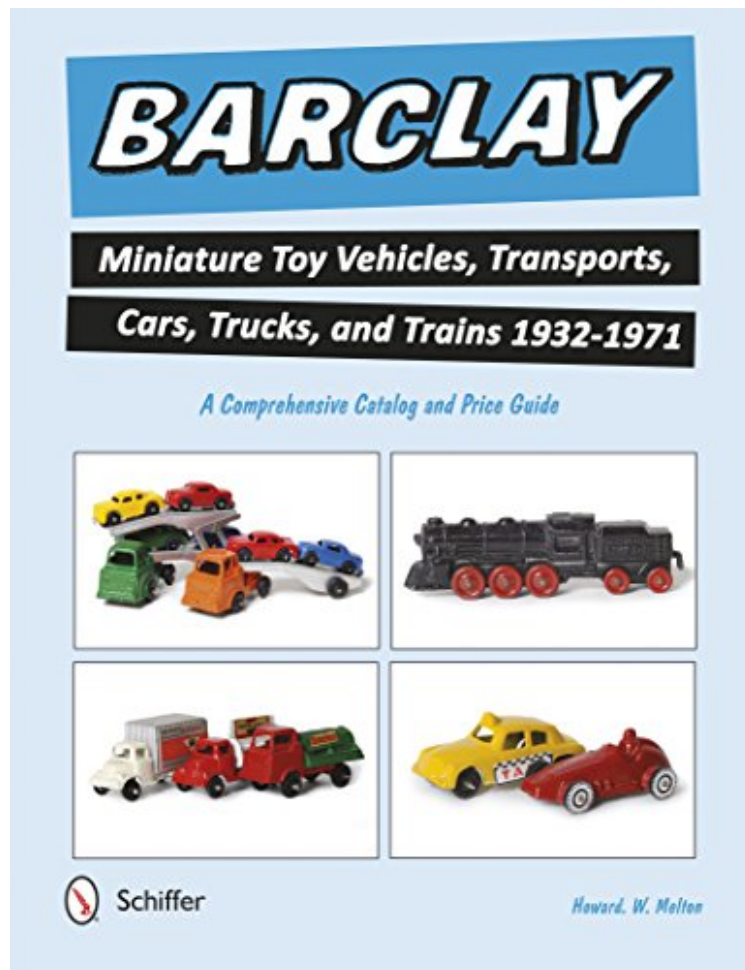


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L. Alekna For serious collectors of the Barclay Company's toy auto transports, small cars and trucks from the 1960's, and/or toy trains, Howard Melton's newly published book is an absolute must. First allow me to provide some background upon which I based my review of this book. As a collector and dealer in American dime store figures and vehicles for over 35 years, and the author of over 40 articles for the Old Toy Soldier (OTS) magazine, I collected and studied specimens of these three segments of Barclay's prolific line of toy vehicles. This led to my authoring articles on each of the segments in an attempt to provide documented information and clarity to the collecting community. I was fortunate to count the late Richard O'Brien, who is generally regarded as the "guru" of toy soldier collectors around the world, as a long time personal friend. It was he who encouraged me to write the articles on Barclay's transports, small cars and trucks of the 60's and trains because, by his own admission, he was primarily a "soldier guy" and vehicles, especially civilian vehicles, did not hold much interest for him. So it is against this background that I offer my commentary. Howard Melton's book is the most detailed and definitive work ever produced on these three Barclay vehicle groups. It provides enormous detail and documentation, far beyond that contained in my OTS articles. He not only offers over 700 beautiful photographs, he goes to great lengths to describe and classify detailed variations between the vehicles, many of which have never been documented before. In addition to extensive narrative in support of the photos, each section contains numerous tables that summarize and clarify distinctive features of each vehicle type such as basic casting differences, trailer hitches, wheel and tire type, and of course paint color and paper decal variations. If you collect any of these three categories of Barclay vehicles, I guarantee that you this book will add dozens of new items to your "want list" and that you will never go off to a toy show again without this treasure under your arm. Stan Alekna

This is the first comprehensive catalog and price guide covering all four ranges of miniature toy vehicles produced by Barclay Manufacturing Company, Inc. (New Jersey) from 1932 to 1971. It covers nearly 2,000 variations of these toys along with a history of the company, the manufacturing process, detailed identification grids and explanations, rarity notations, pricing ranges, a biography, and over 650 color photos. Barclay began producing miniature transports and trains in the early 1930s and added trucks and cars in the 1950s. All four ranges were produced until the company closed in 1971. The toys were colorful, well-designed, inexpensive, and popular throughout the period they were produced. The appendix includes pictures of related toys. Since most of these toys do not identify the manufacturer and many variations are rare, the book is indispensable for anyone interested in collectable toys.

About the Author Howard W. Melton is an attorney and a lifelong collector. Having played with Barclay toys as a child, he began collecting them in 1970. This is his second book on the topic.