## Don't Get Rid of Those Old Toys! They Could Be Worth a Fortune Some Day!

These days, it's hard to find a kid playing with anything other than their parent's iPad. Back when we were children, though, toys were the name of the game. From dolls to action figures, board games to video games, the toy industry was booming, and parents were quick to get their kids the next big thing. Nowadays, the kids who played with Barbies and G.I. Joes are all grown up and have money of their own-which is where toy collectors come in.

Toys make many people nostalgic for their childhoods, which is why collectors from all over the world will pay a pretty penny for the contents of the dusty old toy box in your attic. Most may have kept hold of these childhood treasures simply because they couldn't bear to part with the memories. Little did they know then that may have actually been sitting on a small gold mine.

What? A small gold mine for an old toy that I no longer play with anymore? Yes, you can make a TON of money if you have the right product! For example, when Nintendo sold the original Game Boy, you could get it for around $\$ 90$. Today, you can get it on a bidding site like eBay for about $\$ 550$ if it's still in mint condition. Another example is the '67 Camaro from the Hot Wheels Treasure Hunt series. The toy car could be purchased for a $\$ 1$ and today
is worth almost $\$ 1200$ ! Yes, those old toys are worth money to somebody!


Have you ever been to McDonald's and gotten a happy meal toy? Next time, you might want to keep it in the wrapper! Why? Because that toy could be worth thousands some day! A great example of this would be the Teenie Beanies from Ty Inc. McDonald's included this in their happy meals for several years and some of those Beanie Babies are worth up to $\$ 10,000$ ! Also, did you know that Ronald McDonald had a doll that was a happy meal toy? In the 1960s, you could purchase this item for about $\$ .10$. Now, the doll is worth $\$ 200$ ! So, be careful opening those packages! It make you some serious cash someday.

Some people do go to the extreme with their collecting. One of the best examples of this would be the original Barbie doll made by Mattel in the 1960s. At the time, the doll could be purchased for about $\$ 3$. In 2020, the doll sold on eBay for $\$ 27,450$. Also, a G.I. Joe action figure from that same time period was only $\$ 4$. It sold three years ago for over $\$ 200,000$ ! It gets bigger. The Yugioh! card game has a large collector item as well. A box of the original Blue-Eyes White Dragon set sold for about $\$ 60$ brand new in 2005. Last year, the item sold for $\$ 450,000$ ! But, the ultimate collector's item has to be the original Action Comics comic book for Superman made by D.C. Comics. The cost in the 1930s, was only $\$ 0.10$.


Now? The comic book recently was sold for 3.2 million dollars!

So, do you have any old toys at home? You should look them up before you donate them to a Goodwill or a resale shop. You could have thousands or even millions of dollars waiting to be found!

