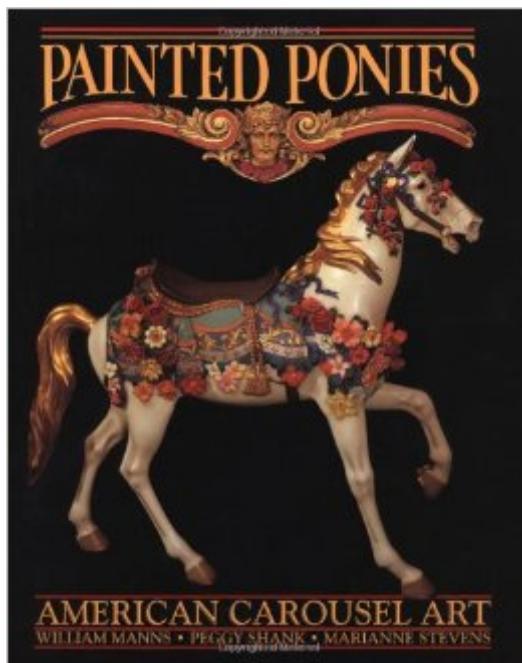


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Painted Ponies: American Carousel Art



Synopsis

Painted Ponies is the classic book of antique carousel art. This extraordinary coffee table style book presents the finest carving examples by the most renowned carousel artists. The rarest horses and most unique menagerie animals were selected from America's premier private collections and antique operating carousels. Painted Ponies contains useful guides, charts, and directories for collectors, carvers, artists, and enthusiasts. This book contains over 650 color photographs, 256 pages, 9"x11.5", deluxe hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Painted Ponies is THE best book on carousel art. We own 80 carousel animals & every book on fairground art but Painted Ponies is the only book we use as a reference. Whether you are an enthusiast, a first time buyer or an experienced collector, the hundreds of color photos are very useful to identify horses. It was also a wonderful source for paint & color ideas during the restoration of our antique carousels & animals.

A delightful book on a vanishing art form: hand carved carousel animals, sleighs, and ornaments. The color photographs are excellent. The background on merry-go-rounds and round-abouts is fun. The carvers and their companies are discussed in detail. Timelines, a directory, publications, restoration services, music, and a brief bibliography are included. I would have preferred an annotated bibliography, and citations of non-bound materials. In any event, this one is a keeper, and will give many hours of enjoyment.

I absolutely adore this book. The full color photos throughout the book are worth the pricetag, not to mention the extremely detailed history of the carousel and some of the more reknowned carvers. You can't pass this one up.

Painted Ponies is about carousels and their history through the United States from the late 1800's through the early 19th century. This is the third book I have read about carousels and it is by far the crown jewel of carousel books. The pictures are numerous and absolutely gorgeous. The carving of the horses truly was an art and the carvers were truly artists. An absolutely stunning book to read again and again.

Do we need more lushly-illustrated books of merry-go-round (carousel) figures? Absolutely, yes! In such books, the authors celebrate not only the individual figures, but the wonderful fact that so many of the antique machines are still in existence, and children happily ride them today as their grandparents did a long time ago.

If you have any desire to purchase a carousel horse, you should purchase this book first. If you aren't planning to purchase a horse, it still makes a great coffee table book...who didn't like riding the carousel?

Painted Ponies was the first book I read dealing with carousel ponies. It inspired further interest. The book is load with pictures. The text deals with the primary carousel styles: Philadelphia; Coney Island; and Country Fair. In addition there are appendixes that deal with restoration services and currently operating carousels from the early 1900s.

William Manns has combined wonderful photos of carousel horses, vintage photos of old carousels and well-researched text to produce this book--both attractive on the coffee table, and useful in the student's library

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