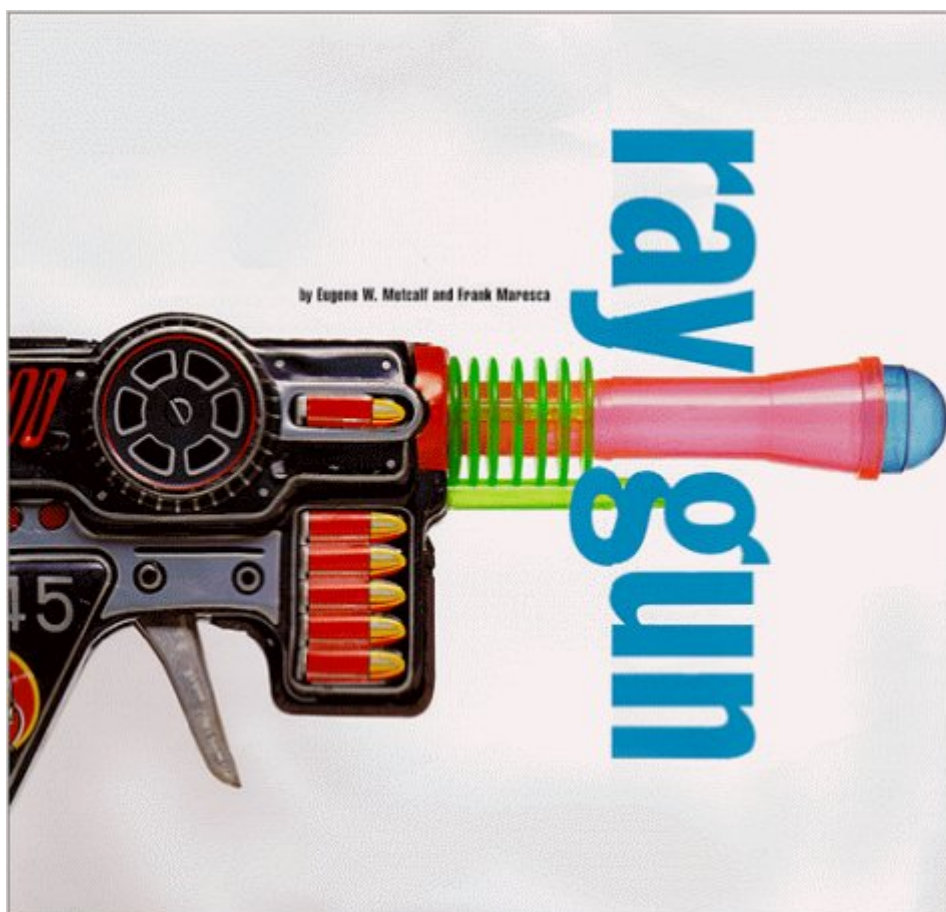


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# Ray Gun



## Synopsis

Authoritative, comprehensive and visually dazzling a history of Ray guns and Space Toys as they evolved over a span of forty years

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## Customer Reviews

Though it was published some years ago its nice to see that this lovely book is still in print. The landscape format is ideal for showing off the streamline design that was a requirement for any gun of the future. Each model is shown in profile and a nice touch is the removal of the photos background so the guns are floating on the page. Another idea that gives the book a lift are several pages of period graphics: movie posters, ads and the original gun boxes. The first blaster is from 1935, a surprisingly good condition Buck Rogers pistol, made by Daisy. The models are shown in date order up to the mid-sixties and mostly from the US and Japan with several from Europe. Considering that this was a really tiny part of the toy market you might think it surprising that a book should be devoted to the subject but there is another equally beautiful title showing more: Zap! Ray Gun Classics. This is out of print but you'll easily be able to pick up a used copy. Both books will give you a nostalgic blast for the past.\*\*\*FOR AN INSIDE LOOK click 'customer images' under the cover.

This book arrived today as a gift for my husband. "This book is fantastic!" he shouted to me. Not only did it have an ad on an early toy gun he owned, but he found out his "clicker" guns were from

1953 instead of from the 1960's. He buys and collects space memorabilia and toys. This book is a great addition to his collection and he wants me to get him another one... one to read and one to put away. As always, it was packaged great and arrived in a very timely manner. I love the service I get from .com and from all their vendors.

There was a time when all you needed was a couple of friends, imagination and a 49 cent toy to make for a great afternoon. Great book for toy collectors or for Babyboomers who just want to be reminded of a time when toys were functional, cool and pieces of art. Of course at the time we didn't recognize the art. This is only obvious in hindsight. The photography is excellent with great detail and color. The book's opening provides an excellent history and narrative relating to these toys. I also found that the book is very comprehensive in that it presented the best pieces with no omissions. Highly recommended!

Good read and is filled with images of old ray gun toys. I've enjoyed reading it a lot. Couple of my guests have noticed it on my shelf and enjoyed going through it. It makes a nice conversation starter. Recommended to anyone interested in vintage space toys..

A great reference book featuring the toy guns from the 1930's through the 60's. I bought it to use as a reference point for a tattoo I was getting. After looking through the entire book we ended up with a composite of a couple different toy guns to create the tattoo. A good \$12 spent for a lifetime of art.

Great photos, and an interesting, albeit brief history of rayguns. The 2-page pulp sci-fi spreads were entertaining as well. I wish the photos of the rayguns were more than just the side view however.

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