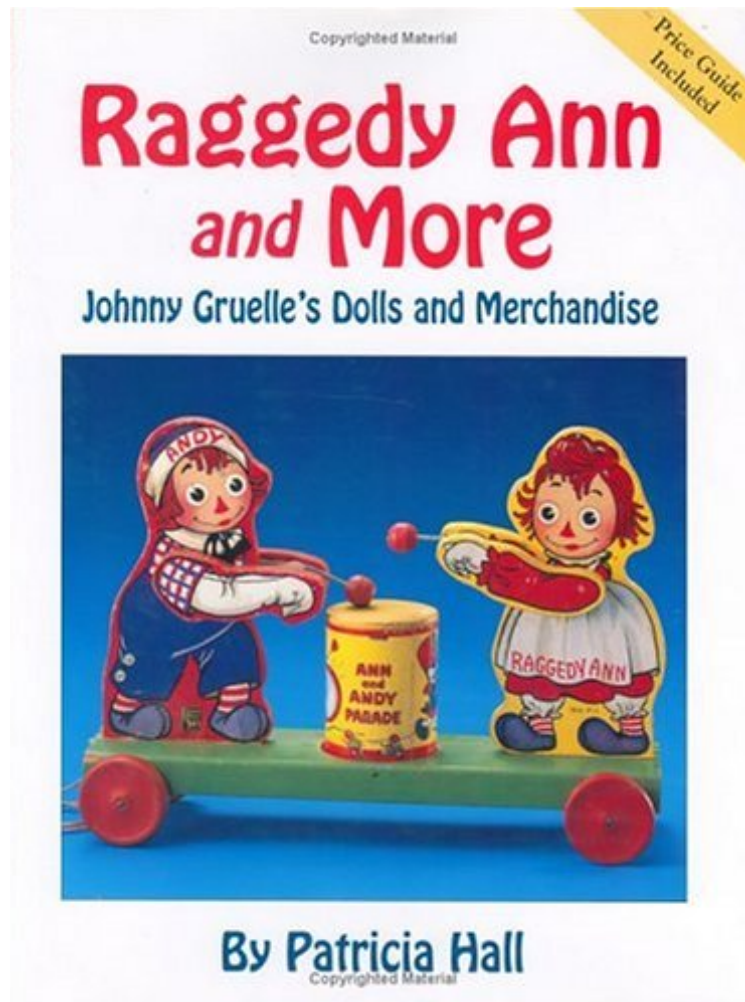


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Ann And More is equally recommended to those nostalgic readers who will deeply enjoy the informative and knowledgeable text enhanced throughout with hundreds of photos, many of which are here published for the first time.

The first guidebook to his body of work--complete with a price guide.

From the Inside Flap"Patricia Hall is . . . the nation's leading expert on Johnny Gruelle and Raggedy Ann. This book should be a valuable tool for collectors, curators, and historians, and great fun for general readers."G. Rollie Adams, president and CEO, Strong Museum"This book has the 'Hall'mark of great research, fine writing, and insight inspired by passion."--Joan Wilen and Lydia Wilen, authors and television personalitiesPatricia Hall's new book demonstrates her long-standing expertise on the merchandise of Johnny Gruelle and her extensive knowledge of the man himself. It is the most comprehensive guidebook to the dolls, books, and products that all originated in the mind that first created Raggedy Ann and Andy, the famed round-eyed rag dolls. It is a detailed roadmap to the fanciful and idealistic terrain of a vision that was elaborate, generous, and wildly creative.The dolls, stories, and playthings captured in this book are all marked with the inimitable Gruelle charisma: a simple folk appeal that hints at the nostalgic comfort of the past while acknowledging an acute sense of the present. Utilizing historical and company documents, Raggedy Ann and More chronicles Gruelle's famous rag dolls from their beginnings as minor characters in newspaper illustrations, to homemade rag dolls sewn and sold out of the artist's home, to their serendipitous propulsion into the commercial toy and children's book markets. Emerging from these pages are a chorus of other characters, explored more thoroughly here than anywhere else. Beloved Belindy, Twee Deedle, Quacky Doodles, and Buddy and Sis are finally accounted for and showered with the attention they deserve.Because Gruelle's ever-evolving merchandise reflected changes in American society, there is in Raggedy Ann and More a profound sense of history--of emerging from industrialization, wars and the Depression. Gruelle's characters capture the essence of the American dream.Patricia Hall has been collecting and researching playthings and illustrated children's books since the 1960s. Her Johnny Gruelle collection is one of the most comprehensive in the world, encompassing books, dolls, merchandise, original artwork, correspondence, photographs, and business records. Holding an M.A. in folklore and mythology from UCLA, Patricia has lectured throughout the U.S. on Gruelle and his Raggedys and has written extensively for national and regional publications on Gruelle's contributions to American culture. From the Back Cover"This companion volume to Ms. Hall's superb biography of Johnny Gruelle is a meticulously researched catalogue and history of the remarkable array of books and merchandise that grew out of Gruelle's creations. It is an indispensable book for Gruelle collectors and aficionados as well as those interested in the mysteries of the cultural marketplace and how beloved figures of children's books, like Raggedy Ann and Andy, get transformed into both ephemeral commodities and enduring icons of childhood."--John Cech, Director, Center for the Study of Children's Literature and Media, The University of FloridaPatricia Hall's extensive research and first-hand experience as a collector have enabled her to write the first comprehensive guidebook to the merchandise and dolls of Johnny Gruelle. Including a price listing, never before seen photographs, and the story how an illustrator's imagination gave rise to some of the most endearing toys of all time, Hall's book is sure to be loved by collectors, enthusiasts, and casual readers alike. With it, identifying the make and manufacture of a particular doll or toy, distinguishing between the real thing and unauthorized imitations, and quickly estimating the value of a collectible item are easier than ever before.A nation-wide lecturer and writer on Johnny Gruelle and his contributions to American culture, Patricia Hall is also the owner of one of the most comprehensive collections of his merchandise, artwork, correspondence, photographs, and business records. Photographs of many items of her collection comprise Pelican's companion Raggedy Ann and Andy Postcard Book. Ms. Hall is the author of the illustrated biography Johnny Gruelle, Creator of Raggedy Ann and Andy, published by Pelican.About the AuthorPatricia Hall has written and lectured extensively on Johnny Gruelle and his contributions to American culture. Her collection of Gruelle's books, dolls, correspondence, original artwork, business records, and photographs is one of the most comprehensive in the world. Many of these photographs appear in Raggedy Ann and More: Johnny Gruelle's Dolls and Merchandise. Hall has also written an illustrated biography, Johnny Gruelle, Creator of Raggedy Ann and Andy, published by Pelican.