

Children's Christmas Presents - 1950s

The 1950s were a decade that saw some of the greatest and most enduring toys hit the market – many which are still loved today! Using the hints below, see if you can figure out what presents children found under the tree Christmas morning:

- * Known by kids today as a character from the Toy Story movies, this toy first hit the market in 1952 and required the use of a real potato: _____
- * Although her boyfriend, Ken, wasn't introduced until 1961, she was first introduced to children in March 1959. A blonde or brunette version could be purchased in her classic black-and-white striped bathing suit: _____
- * First marketed as a wallpaper cleaner in the 1930s, this toy was rebranded in the mid-1950s as a popular modeling clay in the now famous yellow container: _____
- * Invented in 1957 by Arthur Holt, and sold to Fisher-Price for \$50, this incredibly popular toy was designed to help children learn to walk. It sends tiny, colourful, gumball size balls flying and hitting a plastic dome, to create its signature loud popping noise: _____
- * This toy gained international popularity in the late 1950s, when a plastic version was successfully marketed by California Wham-O Toy Company, after Joan Anderson brought back a bamboo "exercise hoop" from Australia: _____
- * Before Hot Wheels raced onto the market in the 1960s, this brand of toy cars were in high demand at Christmastime. Introduced in 1953, this toy got its name from its packaging that was similar to the size and shape of match boxes: _____
- * Fisher-Price released one of the most popular toys of all time in 1950 when it introduced three little figures and a fire truck. By the end of the decade, the company produced the popular school bus and the entire Play Family: _____
- * Although originally created by the Frisbie Pie Company in 1871, various companies created plastic versions of this toy in the late 1940s and 1950s known under such names as the Fly-Saucer, Pluto Platter, and its most common name :

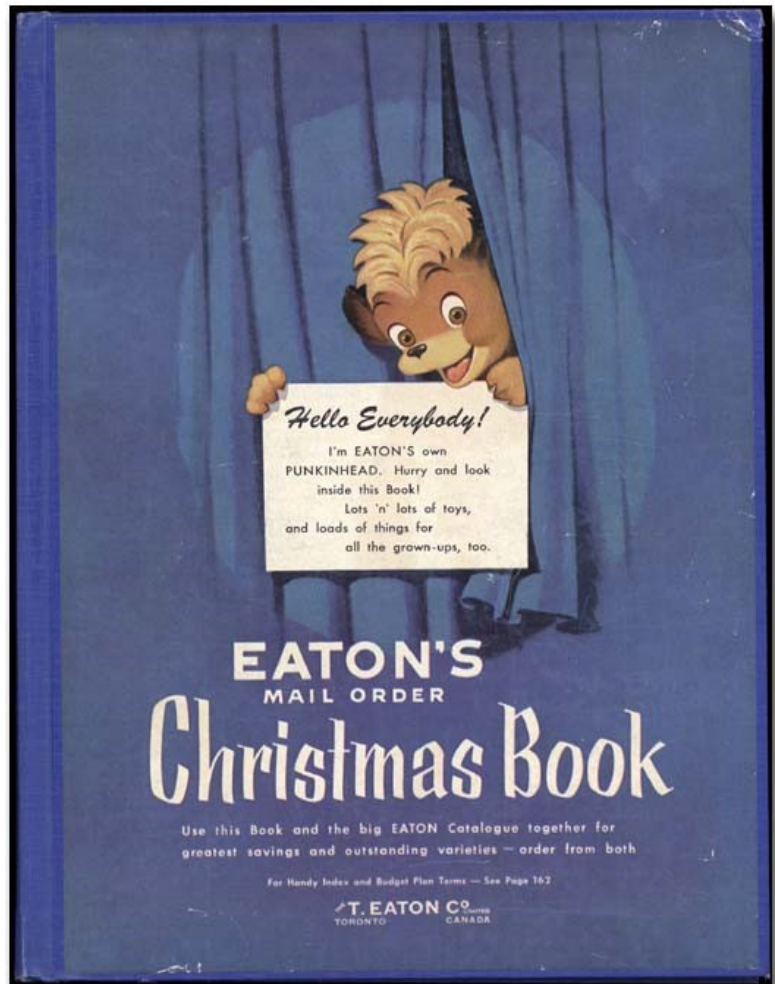
- * This popular green bendable figure hit the market in 1955, after the character appeared on Howdy Doody:

- * Originally created in 1934, this "crying and wetting" doll, with the rhyming name, saw a spike in popularity with young girls in the 1950s: _____



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- * Potato Head
- * Barbie
- * Play Doh
- * Corn Popper
- * Hula Hoop
- * Matchbox Cars
- * Fisher-Price Little People
- * Frisbee
- * Gumby
- * Betsy-Wetsy



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