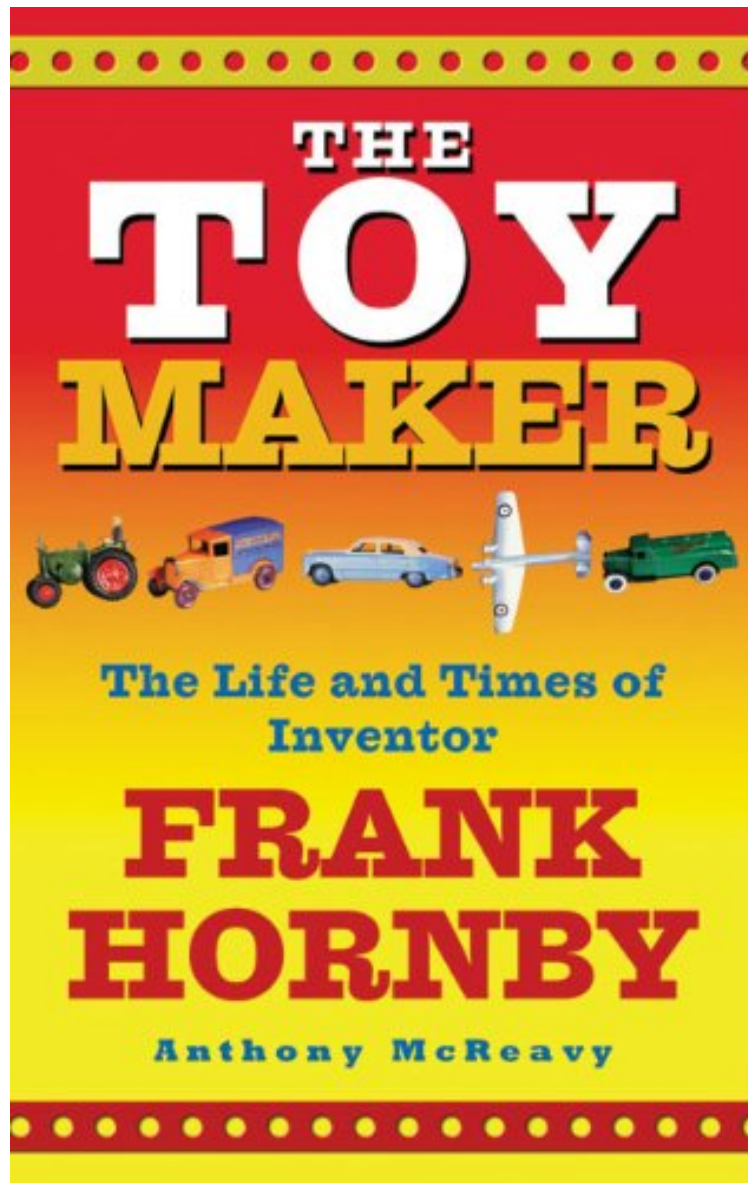


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hornby's Toy StoryBy David R. FarlowI am a collector of various antique toys including the Dinky toy line produced by Hornby. I really didn't know what I was going to get when the

book arrived, so I can't say that I was disappointed or thrilled either way. It really is his personal story, not a history of his products, though these are brought up now and again throughout the book. Given that there isn't any book like this on the subject, I plan to keep it, but it doesn't always read well. Often it seems that when reading a new chapter you feel as though you read the same thing in the previous chapter, which you did... Sometimes it is a little hard for the reader to keep the timeline straight as the story sometimes reverses course. I would have liked some more plant photos or photos of the family homes perhaps, but I imagine these are things that may not really exist. I suspect it was difficult to gather up as much as the author was able to uncover this long after his death. Probably would have needed to write this book in the mid 1950's to find people who could tell you more about Mr. Hornby. If you are interested in personal biographies of those who invent and tinker or are a fan of the products that came from this company, you'll find it interesting enough to ignore the flaws. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The toy maker By dinkycollect The Toy Maker: The Life and Times of Inventor Frank Hornby Very interesting book for the fans of Meccano, Hornby trains and Dinky Toys although there is a major error, the farm tractor on the cover is not a Meccano product.

A single man was responsible for the toys which shaped generations of children. Frank Hornby invented the train set, Meccano, the dinky toy and Scalextric. And yet, until now, there has been no biography of this extraordinary figure. Frank Hornby lived in Liverpool, and while working as a bookkeeper for a meat importer, he became frustrated by the range of toys in Britain and set up a toy manufacturing company. A passionate and inspired man, he developed his first toys for his own children and by his death in 1936 Meccano and Hornby trains were market leaders. Encompassing social history, politics and changing attitudes towards children this is a beautifully written life story of an unsung hero.

From the Inside Flap Frank Hornby's invention was not a scientific instrument, or even an equation, but a toy: Meccano. Yet his toy inspired generations of children and contributed to the development of engineering, science and invention. About the Author Anthony McReavy longed for a train set as a child. His children now play with Scalextric. As a museum curator in Glasgow he developed a fascination with twentieth century inventions. He lives with his wife and family in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland. This is his first book.