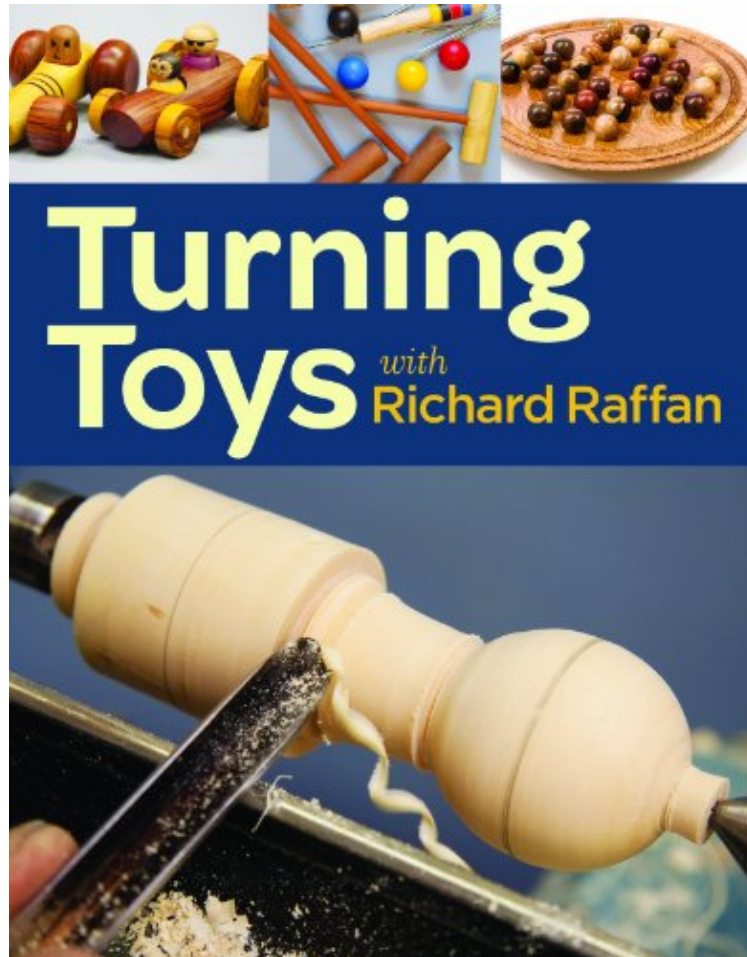


## Turning Toys with Richard Raffan

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**Richard Raffan : Turning Toys with Richard Raffan** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Turning Toys with Richard Raffan:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An essential guide for the big kid would like to make safe toys for others or himselfBy Howard M. EcksteinMr. Raffan's book is meticulously written. He provides clear succinct instruction. Safety is stressed in lathe operation and creating toys that do not present choking hazards.As a general pediatrician, I need my hands and sight intact to work. Further, I must first do no harm to the children I take care of. I purchased this book to create age appropriate safe toys."Turning Toys" instructions are clear and images are excellent. The project selection is good, but, does not offer as many projects as I would have liked. for older children:. I would have appreciated an emphasis on kinetic or spinning toys, especially thrown tops: "Duncan" type, of various sizes, hollow centered, tops that flip over when spun, ones with hollow centers., creating ones which from multiple hardwoods. .A section for turning dazzling yo-yos would have been great. These were the rugged toys from my childhood Mr. Raffan 's toy plans are selected to allow progressive skill development. I suggest reading the entire

book, (with careful emphasis on the illustrations) and completing all the projects as well as well. This would provide the skills and criterion to create design and create safe new toys. An improvement for future issues or an addendum to this one would be online access to a video to use with the text. Finally a web site for students of this book to show their creations would be very nice.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book  
By Terry Oglethorpe  
Good book with plenty of pictures and instructions. Would recommend it for someone who wanted to make toy figures to fit in wood toys like I do.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful instructions  
By Robert Youngquist  
Our woodworking club makes toys for distribution to children's service agencies at Christmas and I was looking for new suggestions. In addition, there are several that I am sure my grandsons will enjoy. The text is clearly written and the illustrations are clear. Expert turners may find the text simplistic but beginner and intermediate turners such as myself will learn several techniques.

Turn your workshop into one of the happiest places on the planet! With the guidance of Richard Raffan, the dean of woodturning, and the projects in *Turning Toys*, you can outdo Santa's elves. Create custom toys right in your own workshop and see the little ones' eyes light up with joy! Have a ball honing your turning techniques. Repetition is the key to mastering any craft, and these projects are in part skill-builders so you'll continue to refine your skills as you repeat them. You're sure to get plenty of practice because young boys and girls can never have too many peg dolls, balls, or things on wheels. You'll find ways to salvage a situation if, as can happen, there's a catch or the wood splits. Little snafus become big opportunities to get creative and who knows how that will turn out funny or fabulous, or both! Expert guidance every step of the way. A delight to look at, *Turning Toys* is filled with practical advice to help you succeed and enjoy great satisfaction from creating beautiful toys. With over 360 photos and drawings, you'll learn exactly how to use all the tools required, control the cutting edge, and work comfortably at your lathe. Beloved playthings today...handmade heirlooms tomorrow. *Turning Toys* will inspire you to try your hand at a variety of wooden toys you won't find in stores: racing cars, wands, stackers, spinning tops, even a handsome croquet set. Get your copy and turn out toys that will delight the children in your life.

About the Author  
Richard Raffan has been internationally acclaimed for both his turning and his teaching. Well known for his gallery-quality production work, he is the author of *Turning Wood*, *Turning Boxes*, *Turning Bowls*, *The Art of Turned Bowls*, and *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Turning*. He has also appeared in three feature-length instructional videos, including the best-selling *Turning Wood* with Richard Raffan.