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Book Review: TOYS AND GAMES: A LOOK AT THEN AND NOW

Part of the Read for a Better World series, Percy Leed's book, TOYS AND GAMES: A LOOK AT THEN AND NOW, is designed to foster conversation and exploration in readers. The book consists of photographs of various toys and games, each page spread showing a black-and-white photograph of a toy or game from yesteryear and a color photograph of a toy or game from today. Brief descriptions accompany each photograph, for example, "Then toy trains were moved by hand... Now toy trains move by themselves." An inset question asks children to think about "what other toys move by themselves." The front matter includes suggestions for educators, and the back matter includes a short photographic glossary and references for suggested reading. Interspersed throughout the book are questions to prompt conversation and comprehension.

This straightforward introduction to the history of toys and games is recommended for inclusion in public and elementary school libraries.

