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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great American Carousel: Purchased at .comBy depGreat American Carousel is a book about carousels in general and different aspects of them. The author Tobin Fraley's grandparents owned an amusement park in Seattle Washington, so his interest and exposure to carousels started early. He describes the history of carousels as far back as you can go, also describing some of the most well known wood carvers of the United States and the companies they worked for. Lots of pictures in the book, both black and white and color. Of particular interest to me was what the author described as a regular working day for a wood carver and the rest of the men working on different aspects of what led up to a working carousel animal. It is nice to know that some carousels are being restored, also some individual animals are being restored and collected by interested people. In the last 20 - 30 years groups have sprung up about restoring carousels and also about making some reproduction animals. A fascinating book about a lost art that is being found again.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This one is informative with many very nice color and black and white photo'sBy carouselThere are several books out on carousel history and each has their own view point on the its history. This one is informative with many very nice color and black and white photo's. If you love carousels this would be nice to add to your collection.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Treasure for Carousel LoversBy Mike BriggsThis was a lovely book, and Tobin Fraley is one of the more knowledgeable folks out there. If you love carousels, this is a great title!

This entertaining visual celebration offers a closeup look at the carousel not only as amusement but as cultural icon and craft. Rare historical photographs portray America's earliest wooden carousels, their creators, and the shops where they were carved. Full-color portraits display fanciful pigs, frogs, and tigers as well as an array of magnificent decorated horses.