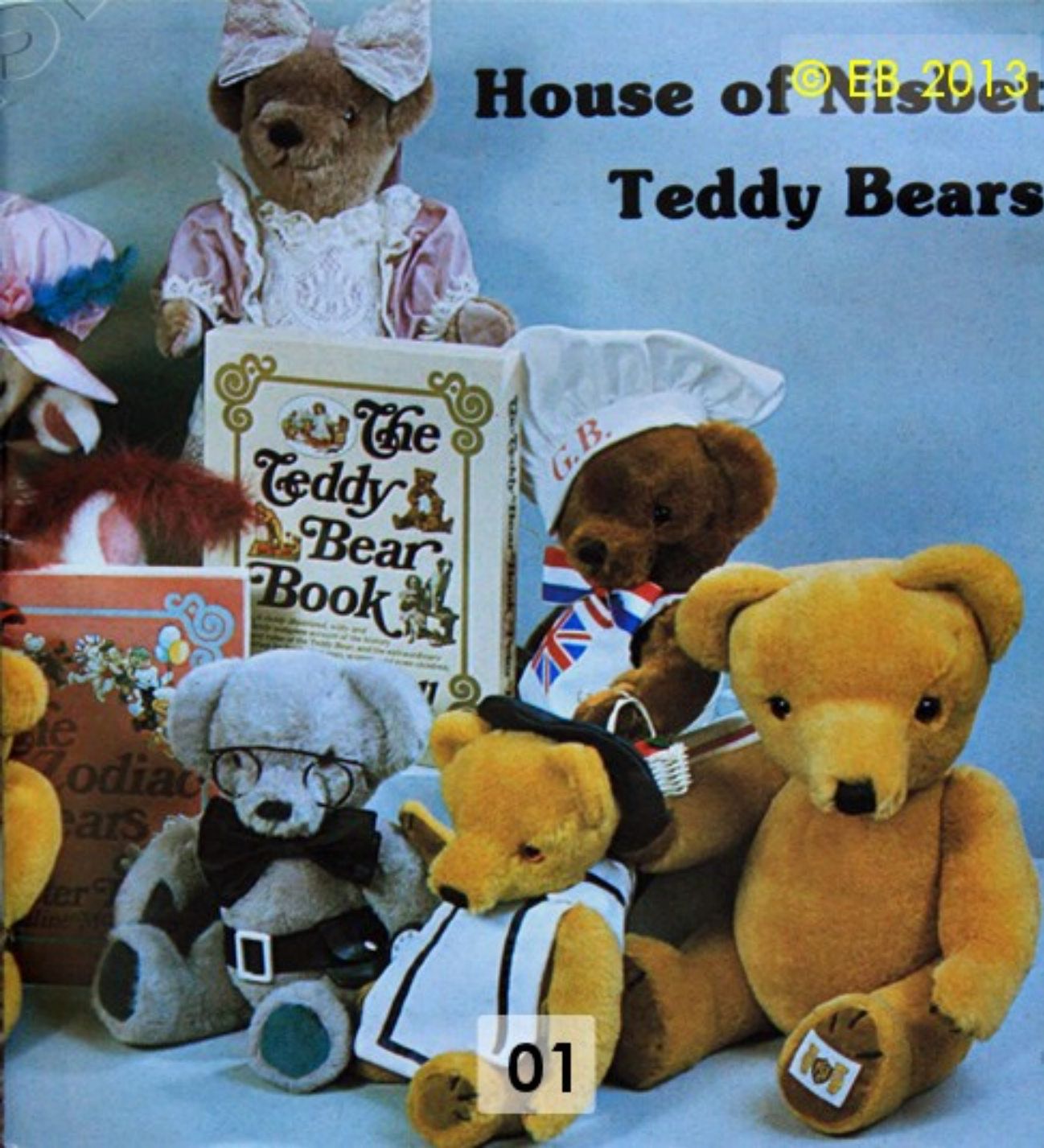


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Teddy Bears



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The Nisbet Story

The Nisbet Story began thirty years ago in 1953 when the families and friends of British people around the world were celebrating the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

In that year Mrs. Peggy Nisbet made her first portrait doll, a dressed figurine of The Queen in Coronation Robes. A replica edition of this first doll is announced on page 2 of our doll catalogue.

Since 1953, there have been hundreds of different dolls and soft toys made in the Nisbet workrooms. Our first location was Mrs. Nisbet's home, but the workload was quickly to require larger premises in Weston-super-Mare. Then a disastrous fire burned those premises to the ground in 1970 and the workrooms were rebuilt on an industrial estate in the town. It was almost a decade later when our workrooms were established at Dunster Park, an old Victorian estate in the nearby West Country Village of Winscombe situated on the borders of Somerset.



The Nisbet Workrooms at Dunster Park

Wherever the Nisbet workrooms have been, there has always been a committed team of doll artists and skilled needlewomen to uphold the Nisbet quest for creative design and a high standard of workmanship. Our aim has always been to achieve the highest possible standard of quality, to retain the charm of handmade collectors' models, and to offer an entirely British made product.

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Top Photo
Peter Bull patiently explains to William Nisbet Wilson why Bully Bear has a rather long snout.

Bottom Photo
Peter Bull "supervising" in the Nisbet workrooms to the amusement of Mrs Estelle Hawkins, the real supervisor.

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Bully Bear



**Bully Bear
himself
Model 5026**

A worldwide limited edition of 5000 bears. Bully comes boxed with his passport and certificate of identity signed by himself and Peter Bull. Bully is 18" tall.

Peter Bull's Bully Bears

Famous British character actor Peter Bull started it all in the late sixties when he compiled and wrote *The Teddy Bear Book*. He is now the recognised father of the teddy bear movement and we are privileged to be able to collaborate with him in creating Bully Bear.



Young Bully Model 5027
He is 12" tall and wears the robes of the Worshipful Company of Peanut Butter Eaters. Limited to 5000 worldwide.

Bully Minor Model 5028
At prep school age. He is 9" tall. Limited to 5000 worldwide.

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Limited Edition of The Teddy Bear Book



The Teddy Bear Book

Our Collectors' Edition. Limited to 10,000 signed copies worldwide. 226 pages, cloth cover in superb slipcase. Peter has written a 19-page "Postword" in his unique and entertaining style. Order No. 5029.

Special Bullys

Special Edition of Bully reading his book, "Bully Bear goes to Harrods". 15"

Model 5052 available only at Harrods and in Export markets. (Export Edition limited to 5000 worldwide)



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Captain Bully Model 5050.

In beige coat and 15" tall he reads an abridged miniature version of Teddy Bear & Friends Magazine published by Hobby House Press Inc. Limited to 2500 worldwide. Both Bully and magazine are signed.



Honiton & Nottingham

House of Nisbet salutes The House of Louis Nichole with the introduction of Honiton and her sister Nottingham, two vintage bears who pay tribute to the earlier elegance, opulence and grandeur which is captured in the superb lace designs and fantasy moods created by Louis Nichole.



From left to right
Honiton 14" bear
in deep beige fur with
lace dress. (33" dressed)
Model 5100.

Nottingham 14" bear
in brown-grey fur with
lace. (26" dressed)
Model 5101

Tiverton 14" bear
in champagne fur with
lace dress (33" dressed)
Model 5102



The Zodiac Bears

Bully Bear's country cousins are the Zodiac Bears who live in the village of Little Ticking. They are the subject of this new book by Peter Bull which incorporates the charming and extraordinary art of Pauline McMillan.

The book relates the story of the village of Little Ticking, where no humans live. The twelve bears, each born under a different sign of the Zodiac, prepare for the Bear-Day Party held annually to celebrate all their birthdays.

It is a stunning work for bear lovers and devotees of astrology.

The Zodiac Bears. Order No. 5250

A limited edition of 10,000 books worldwide. The first 1,000 copies are signed and numbered.

ISBN 0 950 8554 1 3

Pauline McMillan,
Artist and
Peter Bull,
Author, at Dunster Park



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Julius Bear (Aries)

Julius was born under the sign of Aries, the Ram. He is the Chief Organiser of the annual Bear-Day Party in the village of Little Ticking.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Julius from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.



Julius, Model 5251.
A 14" bear in grey fur with "airforce" blue pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Gordon Blue from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.

Gordon Blue, Model 5252
A 14" bear in "chestnut" brown fur with golden brown pads.
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Gordon Blue (Taurus)

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Gordon Blue was born under the sign of Taurus, the Bull. He is an excellent cook and his task is to prepare all the food for the Bear-Day Party.



The Furbrothers (Gemini)

The Furbrothers, Frank and Fearless are twins born under the sign of Gemini. They used to be very well-known music hall artistes so they are busy rehearsing a special Bear-Day Party performance.



A miniature of the full page illustration of The Furbrothers from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.

A Furbrother, Model 5253. This is Frank. Remove his outer hat and reverse his collar and he becomes Fearless. Both brothers are 14" bears with dark beige fur and "rust" brown paws. The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.



Nipper (Cancer) © EB 2013

Nipper was born under the sign of Cancer, the Crab. Nipper is keeping his chore for the Party a secret, but he assures Julius that it will be a great help and everyone will be surprised and pleased.



A Miniature of the full page illustration of Nipper from The Zodiac Bears Book by Peter Bull.

Nipper, Model 5254. A 14" bear in "honey" beige fur with warm brown pads. The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.



Polly Hester (Leo)

Polly Hester was born under the sign of Leo, the Lion (or Lioness). She is actually rather bossy in the way she has taken charge of all Bear-Day Party decorations.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Polly Hester from *The Zodiac Bears* book by Peter Bull.



Polly Hester, Model 5255.
A 14" bear in Mushroom beige fur with dark brown pads.
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Doris (Virgo) © EB 2013

Doris was born under the sign of Virgo, the Virgin. She is making five flagons of fizzy lemonade and a barrel of honey beer for the party. Everything will be just right because Doris is so neat, tidy and nearly perfect.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Doris from *The Zodiac Bears* book by Peter Bull.



Doris, Model 5256.
A 14" bear in pure white fur with light dusky blue pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.

Plumby (Libra)

Plumby was born under the sign of Libra, the Scales. She is always weighing things up and in fact collects weighing scales and anything to do with weights and measures. Having had a gypsy grandmother she fancies herself as a fortune teller.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Plumby from *The Zodiac Bears* book by Peter Bull.

Plumby, Model 5257.
A 14" bear in charcoal grey fur with mushroom pads.
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Bella Plush (Scorpio) © EB 2013

Bella Plush was born under the sign of Scorpio, the Scorpion. She was once a famous Hollywood star and will raffle some of the clothes she wore in her most famous films, the proceeds going to the Home for Battered Bears.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Bella Plush from *The Zodiac Bears* book by Peter Bull.

Bella Plush, Model 5258.
A 14" bear in off white fur with dusky pink pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.



Saxon (Sagittarius)

Saxon was born under the sign of Sagittarius the Archer. He is a jolly and enthusiastic bear who plans an enormous Archery demonstration. He often goes about pretending he is Robin Hood.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Saxon from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.



Saxon, Model 5259.
A 14" bear in London Gold fur with deep gold pads.
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Bruin (Capricorn)

Bruin was born under the sign of Capricorn, the Goat. The oldest and most reliable bear in the village, Bruin will make the benches and stalls needed at the Bear-Day party. He once lived in the Black Forest and learned the wood carving skills of Craftsbears of that area.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Bruin from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.



Bruin, Model 5260.
A 14" bear in "chocolate" brown fur with medium brown pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.

Tunbridge (Aquarius)

Tunbridge was born under the sign of Aquarius, the Water Carrier. He is building a water-chute for the Party. It will be steep and thrilling with bears going down on tea trays so they won't get their fur wet. He has a portable lemonade fountain that is brought out once a year just for the Party.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Tunbridge from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.



Tunbridge, Model 5261.
A 14" bear in a browny-grey fur with beige pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.



A miniature of the full page illustration of Baity from The Zodiac Bears book by Peter Bull.



Baity, Model 5262.
A 14" bear in a champagne fur with dusky green pads.
The first 1000 bears are signed and numbered.

Baity (Pisces) © EB 2013

Baity was born under the sign of Pisces, the Fish. Husband of Doris, Baity is the village Fishmonger. He is planning to run a Fishing Game in his stall at the Bear-Day Party.

The House of Nisbet

Left photo
The Golly,
Model 5022.
A 19" golly in
traditional dress.
Right photo
Bully Bear
Storybooks
Published by Bull &
Irving, and every one
a delight. Seven in
the series.



The publication of this catalogue along with its sister publication marks a milestone in our history. It marks the culmination of a programme that began eight years ago when Jack Wilson entered the company as Chairman and changed our name to House of Nisbet Ltd.

The essence of our plan was to broaden the base of our activities. We had the basic collection of 8" Royal and historical dolls upon which to build, and this became known as our Celebrity Doll Series. New dolls have been added to this series every year whilst we have also established entirely new collections — Nisbet teddy bears in collaboration with Peter Bull, bone china Heirloom Dolls in collaboration with Royal Doulton, vinyl fashion dolls designed to be "best dolls" for young collectors, book publishing for Peter Bull's fans as well as distribution of collectors' books and magazines in Europe for Hobby House Press, and now the Nisbet Wax Doll which marks the revival of this traditional British doll for advanced collectors.

Sailor Boy,
Model 5030
Sailor Girl,
Model 5032

Limited edition of 1000
of each 16" bear for our
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Alison and Jack
Wilson appear in
this Dunster Park
portrait before
embarking on
their 1983 North
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