

End of the Rainbow Evelyn Chambers

I first started collecting bears and bear friends about 13 years ago. I had always liked them but never thought I could afford them. My childhood bear was a 1950's Schuco and I had always kept him with me.

My first pot of gold was a dog. There used to be a vintage toy and bookshop near me and I found him there. I instantly recognised him as a "Caesar"; Caesar was the beloved pet of Edward VII and toy versions were made by Terrys, Farnell, Bing and Steiff. This lovely old boy is I believe a Terrys, he is life size and has sometimes been mistaken for a real dog! He has his original collar with his name on it. I now have six Caesars and my search is for a Steiff Caesar to go with the Bings, Terry and Farnells. 'Pictured below'.



My 2nd pot of gold was "Mahoney"; I bought him from Cheryl Katz and she introduced me to the wonderful world of The National French Toy and Novelty company of New York. I am now obsessed by these

quirky bears, their lovely mohair and their lovely googly eyed models. I have 14 now and scour the world for them. I have found them in Australia, the US and UK. My search would be a googly dog and more bears! 'Pictured above'.