

# End of the Rainbow Josie Rockett



My first pot of gold that I found at the end of a rainbow is Sunny. He is an adorable little art silk Dear's Rag Book bear from the 1930s. From the moment I read about these sweet little bears the search was on to find one, I can't tell you the joy I felt when I finally did! Finding him was one of my most exciting teddy collecting moments. I still look at him in utter amazement, he is a real dream come true.

For years I searched for an Omega bear and then Oscar came along...my second pot of gold! The first time I saw his face my heart skipped a beat, it really was love at

first sight! He is a big gentle boy with the sweetest expression. I love that he is still wearing his original factory ribbon. It was such a thrill when he came to live with us.

There are so many bears that I would still like to find but...I suppose at the top of my list would be Master Bruno! A dressed Dear's Rag Book bear from their "Kuddlemee" range produced in 1915. None are known to exist and there is only a line drawing of him for reference. I like to imagine that he is out there tucked away in an attic somewhere, the teddy of my dreams, my pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

I have always had a passion for Dear's Rag Book bears but as my interest and knowledge has grown my collecting has gone off in different directions. I adore Farnell and Chad Valley. I am drawn to any teddy that is unusual and interesting. I love colourful bears, clown bears and there is a special place in my heart for bears who have been truly loved. Regardless of make it is a bear's character that appeals to me most. Collecting is a real adventure, you never know who may be waiting for you around the corner.

