Every Kid's Wish List

You might just find the toys you enjoyed as a youngster topping your child's wish list this year. Some history on the classics we like:

The Radio Flyer Wagon, named after the wonders of its time—wireless transmission and the miracle of flight—is celebrating its 85th birthday this year (shown is Radio Flyer No. 90; \$56.99). We think **Bowling Bunnies** are a fun twist on the classic game of

nies are a fun twist on the classic game of skittles, a lawn bowling game designed in Germany in the late 1890s (Schylling

Toys; \$34.99). Did you know that **Barbie** was named after the
inventor Ruth Handler's daughter,
Barbara? (Shown is Mattel's Continental Holiday Gift Set. \$99.) John
Lloyd Wright, son of famed architect
Frank Lloyd Wright, developed **Lin- coln Logs** for little aspiring architects in 1916 (K'NEX Industries;
from \$9.99 to \$79.99). **View**

Master's views were first introduced to the public at the New York and San Francisco World's Fairs

in 1940 (Fisher-Price; \$8). H. A. Rey, illustrator of **Curious George,** first introduced his heartwarming collection of characters in the 1940s. Today these beloved book friends, like **Pretzel,** a dachshund, can also

be enjoyed as soft toys (Yottoy: Pretzel doll, \$16.99; Pretzel hardcover book, \$16). In the 1860s, the Embossing Company patented the first Alphabet Blocks (Uncle Goose Toys; \$29.95). Celebrating his 50th birthday this year, Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be televised (shown is Hasbro's collector's edition, \$14.99). Jester Jack in the Box is a simple spring-activated toy originally introduced as a Punch! Box named after the long-popular Punch and Judy puppet show (Schylling Toys; \$24.99). Painted balls dance and bob to music. First introduced in 1966, the Musical Fantasy is handcrafted (Kouvalias: \$50). A classic fixture in baby's room is the Old McDonald Radio Music Box (Schylling Toys; \$11.99). Etch-A-Sketch (Ohio Art Company; \$14.99) first hit the American market in 1960. It gained such popularity that in 1978 a club dedicated to it was formed. Today there are over 30,000 members. Blackboards have hung in schools since the 1800s; today's steel boards were first introduced in 1960. Chalkboard Brief Case is a charming way for your little artist to carry around tools (Schylling Toys; \$14.99).

