

CUSTOM TOYS FROM THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

As I began to dig into actual characters from the Public Domain that could be used as the inspiration for custom toys, I realized that the opportunities are much larger than I originally anticipated. I found characters now in the Public Domain in children's books, literature, historical figures, comic book characters, animals and more. To give you a taste of what I found, here is a subsection of a much larger list I am compiling of Public Domain characters that could be used for toys (or other creative products).

A

Airboy

Allan Quatermain

Aladdin

Ali Baba in Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves

Alice in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Amazing-Man, Zona Henderson, and Tommy

Henderson Caliber Comics superheroes

American Crusader (Nedor superhero)

Ayesha



B

Bagheera in The Jungle Book.

Baloo in The Jungle Book.

Bert the Turtle from Duck and Cover

Billy Bounce (early newspaper strip character)

Big Bad Wolf in The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, and The Wolf and the Seven Young Kids.

Boy King (Hillman Periodicals character)

The Black Bat (pulp character)

Black Beauty

Black Owl (Prize Comics superhero)

Black Terror (Nedor superhero)

Blue Bolt

The Brain that Wouldn't Die

C

Captain Future (pulp character)

Captain Future (comics) (Nedor superhero)

Claude Frollo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Captain Hook in Peter Pan

Captain Nemo in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

The Cavalier, Nedor superhero

Cheshire Cat in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Commando Cody

Cinderella

Cthulhu from H. P. Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos

D

Doc Strange, Nedor superhero

Dorian Gray in The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Dorothy Gale in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Dracula

Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

E

Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol

Esmeralda in The Hunchback of Notre Dame

F

Fantomah (Fletcher Hanks creation)

Fighting Yank, Nedor superhero

Four Comrades, Nedor superheroes



Flash Lightning and Lightning Girl (Ace Periodicals superheroes)

Dr. Frankenstein

Frankenstein's Monster (and also the version from Dick Briefer's Frankenstein comics)

G

Gertie the Dinosaur

The Gingerbread Man

Grim Reaper, Nedor superhero

H

Hansel and Gretel

Heidi

Huckleberry Finn

J

Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk

Jane Eyre

Jane Porter in Tarzan

Jim Hawkins in Treasure Island

John Carter of Mars

Judy of the Jungle, Nedor character



L

Liberator, Nedor superhero

The Little Mermaid

Little Red Riding Hood

Little Nemo

The Lone Warrior and his sidekick (Ace Periodicals superheroes)

Long John Silver in Treasure Island

M

Mad Hatter (from Alice in Wonderland)

Magno and Davey (Ace Periodicals superheroes)

The March Sisters in Little Women

The Martians from War of the Worlds

The Mask, Nedor superhero

Miss Masque, Nedor superhero

Moby-Dick

Moon Girl

Mowgli in The Jungle Book

O

Oliver Twist

The Oracle, Nedor superhero

Octobriana, Communist superhero

P

Peter Pan

Peter Rabbit

Pinocchio

Princess Pantha, Nedor character

Pyroman, Nedor superhero

Q

The Queen of Hearts in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

R

Robinson Crusoe

S

Sherlock Holmes



Spacehawk

Skyman

The Sphinx, Nedor character

Stardust the Super-Wizard (Fletcher Hanks creation)

V

Vulcan (Ace Periodicals superhero)

W

Woman in Red, Nedor Comics superhero

Wonder Man, Fox Publications superhero

Y

Yellow Kid