



Finding Aid of Collection M-522 – (Robert Sabuda Pop-Up Book Collection)

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DATE: 1988 to 2019

CREATOR: Sabuda, Robert (1965-). New York Times Best-Selling author and illustrator, best known for his elaborate pop-up books. He also created pop-up holiday decorations and greeting cards.

SCOPE: This collection of Robert Sabuda's work consists of pop-up books, illustrated books, greeting cards, holiday cards, Christmas ornaments, pop-up displays, promotional book blurbs, and ephemera spanning from 1988 to 2019. The book's subjects range from famous fairy tales, prehistoric and mythological history, and holiday stories. Christmas ornaments created for the Museum of Modern Art depict various Christmas icons, and the displays create a winter wonderland. Many of these objects are signed by Robert Sabuda.

EXTENT: 9 boxes containing: 45 pop-up books, 16 illustrated books, 93 greeting or holiday cards, 1 puzzle card, 14 ornaments, 14 pop-up displays, 12 pieces of ephemera, and 18 promotional book blurbs.

HISTORY: Pop-up artist Robert Sabuda (1965-) began his art practice as a young child, inspired by his father's craft as a mason and carpenter. At a young age, Sabuda taught himself how to create paper models and pop-up books. After highschool, he attended Pratt Institute in New York City, and went on to work at a children's book publishing house before becoming an illustrator and author. He has earned the Meggendorfer Prize from the Movable Book Society of America three times, and has been a New York Times Best-Selling Creator several times.

Sabuda's first published pop-up book was *The Mummy's Tomb: A Pop-Up Book*, published in 1994. Since then, he has published more than 20 other books through several publishing houses, and even more with co-authors or co-illustrators. Sabuda has also collaborated with the Museum of Modern Art and paper company UWP Luxe to create pop-up holiday decorations. The work of this prolific paper engineer continues from his studio in New York City.

ACCESS: This collection can be viewed on-site in the Rare Book and Manuscripts Reading Room. Some of the material may be photocopied, digitally scanned or photographed, subject to condition and other access restrictions. Information on conducting research with the archival collections of the Library, including current



building hours and reading room policies, can be found on our [Research page](#). The St. Louis Mercantile Library is located on levels one and two of the Thomas Jefferson Library building on the University of Missouri-St. Louis' north campus.

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Box #	Title	Date
1	The Christmas Alphabet	1996
1	ABC Disney: An Alphabet Pop-Up	1998
1	The Movable Mother Goose	1999
1	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: A Commemorative Pop-Up	2000
1	Brooklyn Pops Up	2000
1	America the Beautiful: A Pop-Up Book	2004
1	Peter Pan	2008
1	The Little Mermaid: A Pop-Up Adaptation of the Classic Fairy Tale	2013
1	The Christmas Alphabet: Deluxe 20th Anniversary Edition	2014
1	Sea island Pops Up	2016
2	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs	2005
2	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Sharks and Other Sea Monsters	2006
2	Chronicles of Narnia	2007
2	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Mega Beasts	2007
2	Encyclopedia Mythologica: Fairies and Magical Creatures	2008
2	Encyclopedia Mythologica: Gods & Heroes	2010
2	Encyclopedia Mythologica: Dragons & Monsters	2011
3	The Knight's Castle: A Pop-Up Book	1994
3	The Mummy's Tomb: A Pop-Up Book	1994
3	Help the Animals of North America: A Pop-Up Book	1995
3	Help the Animals of Africa: A Pop-Up Book	1995
3	Help the Animals of South America: A Pop-Up Book	1995
3	Help the Animals of Asia: A Pop-Up Book	1995



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3	Young Naturalist's Pop-Up Handbook: Beetles	2001
3	Young Naturalist's Pop-Up Handbook: Butterflies	2001
3	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	2003
3	Sabuda & Reinhart Present Castle: Medieval Days and Knights	2006
3	Brava, Strega Nona!: A Heartwarming Pop-Up Book	2008
3	Beauty & The Beast	2010
3	The White House: A Pop-Up of Our Nation's Home	2016
3	Believe: A Pop-Up Book of Possibilities	2019
4	A Kwanzaa Celebration Pop-Up Book	1995
4	Gump's A Christmas Alphabet	1996
4	Cookie Count: A Tasty Pop-Up	1997
4	The Night Before Christmas	2002
4	Winter's Tale: An Original Pop-Up Journey	2005
4	Mommy? by Maurice Sendak and Matthew Reinhart	2006
4	Chanukah Lights	2011
4	The Dragon & The Knight: A Pop-Up Misadventure	2014
4	The Christmas Story	2016
4	Ten Horse Farm	2018
5	The 12 Days of Christmas: A Pop-Up Celebration	1996
5	Robert Sabuda Christmas	2006
5	Robert Sabuda Christmas: A Pop-Up Stocking Stuffer	2006
5	Winter in White: A Mini Pop-Up Treat	2007
5	The Fiddler's Son	1988
5	The Wishing Well	1988
5	Walden	1990
5	The Log of Christopher Columbus	1991
5	Earth Verses and Water Rhymes	1991
5	I Hear America Singing	1991
5	Saint Valentine	1992
5	The Ibis and the Egret	1993
5	Tutankhamen's Gift	1994
5	A Tree Place and Other Poems	1994

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5	Arthur and the Sword, paperback	1995
5	Arthur and the Sword, hardcover	1995
5	The Paper Dragon	1997
5	The Blizzard's Robe	1999
5	Uh-Oh Leonardo!: The Adventures of Providence Traveler, 1503	2003
5	Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children About Their Art	2007
5	Pop-up Dove Paper Ornament	2004
5	Pop-up Reindeer Paper Ornament	2004
5	Pop-up Snowflake Paper Ornament	2004
5	Pop-up Tree Paper Ornament	2004
5	Pop-up Santa Paper Ornament	2005
5	Pop-up Poinsettia Paper Ornament	2005
5	Pop-up Snowman Paper Ornament	2005
5	Pop-up Star Paper Ornament	2005
5	Pop-up Angel Tree Topper	2006
5	Pop-up Christmas Tree Paper Ornament	2006
5	Pop-up Teddy Bear Ornament	2007
5	Pop-up Train Ornament	2008
5	Pop-up Carousel Ornament	2008
5	Gold Snowflake Ornament	2015
6	Christmas Alphabet Cards: Collectible Tin Set	2005
6	Pop-up Commemorative Card	2012
6	Pop-up Nativity	2013
6	Christmas Display Building Instructions	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Chapel	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Bakery	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Toy Store	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Trees	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Trees	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Schoolhouse	2015
6	Pop-up Holiday Cottage	2015

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6	Pop-up Carriage House	2016
6	Pop-up Horses and Carriages	2016
7	Bears Christmas Card	2015
7	Tree Trimming Christmas Card	2015
7	Holiday House Christmas Card	2015
7	Santa & Reindeer Christmas Card	2015
7	Penguins Christmas Card	2015
7	Holiday Room Christmas Card	2016
7	Reindeer Sleigh Christmas Card	2016
7	Gingerbread House Christmas Card	2016
7	Snowman Christmas Card	2016
7	Puppy Christmas Card	2016
7	Holiday Room Christmas Card	2017
7	Christmas Cookies Christmas Card	2019
7	Happy Birthday Card	2019
7	Melodious Birds Christmas Card	2019
7	Rainbow Sky Christmas Card	2019
7	Snowflakes Christmas Card	2019
7	Santa Jack-in-the-Box Christmas Card	2008
7	Village Christmas Card	2008
7	Angel with Trumpet Christmas Card	2009
7	Doves with Gift Christmas Card	2009
7	Santa Pulled by Reindeer Christmas Card	2009
7	Stained Glass Ornament Christmas Card	2009
7	Three Snowmen Christmas Card	2009
7	Swirling Snow Globes Christmas Card	2010
7	Winter Skaters Christmas Card	2010
7	Santa's List Christmas Card	2011
7	Tree with Ornaments Christmas Card	2011
7	Village Star Christmas Card	2011
7	Spinning Ornaments Christmas Card	2012
7	Celestial Swirl Christmas Card	2012

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7	Forest Scene Christmas Card	2012
7	Festive Tree Christmas Card	2013
7	New Years Card	2013
7	Wreath Christmas Card	2013
7	Santa's Workshop Christmas Card	2014
7	Over the River Christmas Card	2014
7	Snowflakes Christmas Card	2014
7	Cathedral Christmas Card	2002
7	Dove Christmas Card	2002
7	Sled Christmas Card	2002
7	Snowflake Christmas Card	2002
7	Tree Christmas Card	2002
7	Angel Christmas Card	2003
7	Poinsettia Christmas Card	2003
7	Santa Christmas Card	2003
7	Stars Christmas Card	2003
7	Skater Christmas Card	2004
7	Snowglobe Christmas Card	2004
7	Wreath Christmas Card	2004
7	Fireplace Christmas Card	2005
7	Gingerbread Man & House Christmas Card	2005
7	Nutcracker	2005
7	Snowflakes Christmas Card	2005
7	Flight of Doves Christmas Card	2006
7	Santa with Sleigh & Deer	2006
7	Spinning Ornament Christmas Card	2006
7	Carousel Christmas Card	2007
7	Holiday House Christmas Card	2007
7	Stocking Christmas Card	2007
7	Igloo Christmas Card	2008
7	Music Box Christmas Card	2008
8	Church from Wedding Collection	2015

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8	Doves with Rings from Wedding Collection	2015
8	Blossom from Wedding Collection	2015
8	Cake from Wedding Collection	2015
8	Alice in Wonderland Greeting Card	2005
8	Wizard of Oz Magic Greeting Card	2005
8	Wizard of Oz Friends Greeting Card	2005
8	Wizard of Oz Friends Greeting Card	2005
8	Alice in Wonderland Magic Greeting Card	2005
8	Alice in Wonderland Greeting Card	2005
8	Alice in Wonderland Greeting Card	2005
8	Balloon (Color 1) Greeting Card	2008
8	Balloon (Color 2) Greeting Card	2008
8	Blossoms (Color 1) Greeting Card	2009
8	Blossoms (Color 2) Greeting Card	2009
8	Presents (Color 1) Greeting Card	2009
8	Presents (Color 2) Greeting Card	2009
8	Cupcakes Greeting Card	2010
8	Dragonfly Greeting Card	2010
8	Koi Pond Greeting Card	2010
8	Happy Birthday Greeting Card	2011
8	Sunflower Greeting Card	2011
8	Daffodils Greeting Card	2012
8	Typewriter Greeting Card	2012
8	Butterfly Greeting Card	2013
8	Peacock Greeting Card	2013
8	Bouquet Greeting Card	2014

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8	Hummingbird Greeting Card	2014
8	Set of Floral Pop-Up Greeting Cards	2015
8	Cipher Lock Code Pop-Up Puzzle	2016
8	Pop-Up Surprise Ephemera	Unknown
8	Robert Sabuda Embossed Bookmark	Unknown
8	Robert Sabuda Embossed Bookmark with Lion	Unknown
8	Robert Sabuda Pamphlet	1996
8	Printed Photograph of Robert Sabuda	Unknown
8	Museum Display Sign	2017
8	The Prince of Pop-Ups Article	2006
8	Short Biography of Robert Sabuda	2006-2008
8	Ten Horse Print - 101/115	Unknown
8	Dinosaur Sticker	Unknown
8	Mega Beast Sticker	Unknown
8	Narnia Sticker	Unknown
8	Brava, Strega Nona! Promotional Blurb	2008
8	The White House Promotional Blurb	2016
8	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Promotional Blurb	2000
8	America the Beautiful Promotional Blurb	2004
8	The Chronicles of Narnia Promotional Blurb	2007
8	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs Promotional Blurb	2005
8	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Sharks and Other Sea Monsters Promotional Blurb	2006
8	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Mega Beasts Promotional Blurb	2007
8	The Christmas Alphabet Promotional Blurb	1994
8	ABC Disney Promotional Blurb	1998

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8	The Movable Mother Goose Promotional Blurb	1999
8	Winter's Tale Promotional Blurb	2005
8	Robert Sabuda Christmas Promotional Blurb	2006
8	The 12 Days of Christmas Promotional Blurb	1996
8	Castle: Medieval Days and Knights Promotional Blurb	2006
8	Mommy! by Maurice Sendak and Matthew Reinhart Promotional Blurb	2006
8	Beauty & The Beast Promotional Blurb	2010
8	Peter Pan Promotional Blurb	2008
9	Holiday Pop-Up Wreath	2007
9	Holiday Pop-Up Tree	2007
9	Holiday Pop-Up Christmas Ball	2010