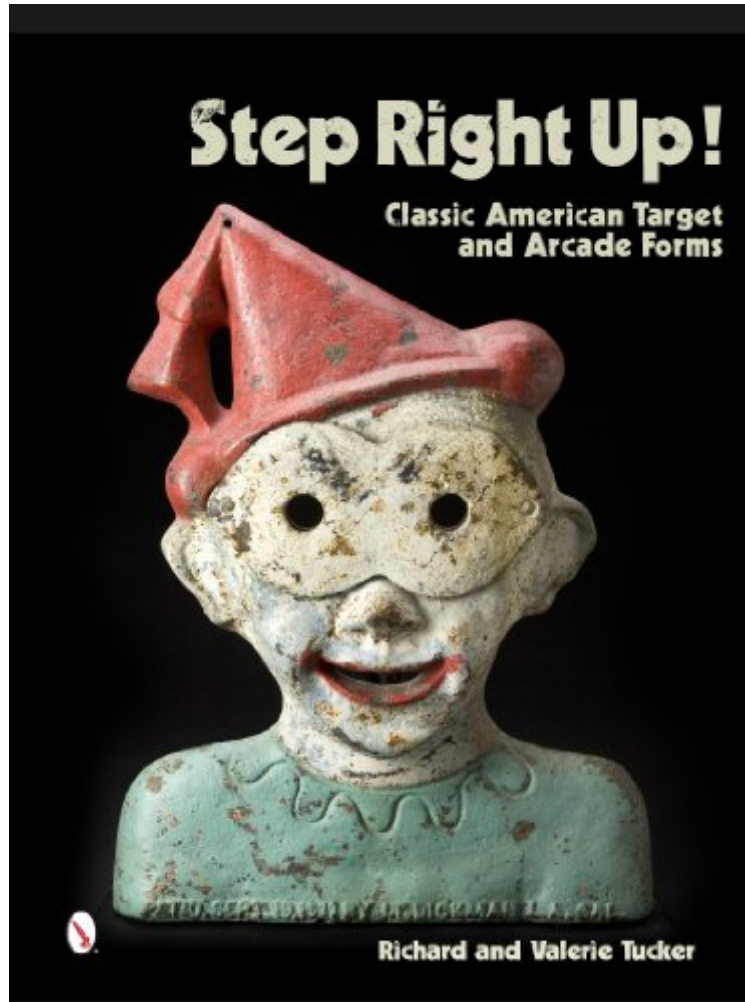


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About the Author Richard and Valerie Tucker have been collecting American contemporary art and folk art since their marriage in 1966. Their love of painted surfaces inspired their initial interest in collecting figural cast iron, including shooting gallery targets and other arcade forms. Friends along the way encouraged them to write this book and share their knowledge with others who had the same regard for this art form. Richard and Valerie live in Boulder, Colorado, with their two cats Minnie and CJ.