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BEST TOY STORE

Admittedly, we thought this toy store would have a lot of dinosaurs. We spotted a few, but what really stands out in this 29-year-old East Village toy chest named **Dinosaur Hill** is the number of medieval-themed toys, our favorite being a Camelot finger-puppet set (\$80) complete with a gold-lamé-covered dragon. That's close enough to a dino, right? Dinosaur Hill's contents are playthings for the hip, intellectual set's offspring: science sets, more puppets, plus a nice collection of baby clothes and toys. Our favorite finds included a baby's first Yankees primer, miniature models of New York City subway cars, and a book of rock-'n'-roll Mad Libs ("The Beatles were not only the most [adjective] band of all time, they were probably the most critically acclaimed [noun] in the history of music"). The best part: We did not once spot a creepy Bratz doll.

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