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TOYS

64. Muma Smart Toys

In the age of PlayStation, there is something endearing about the Beijing-based **Muma's** collection of wooden educational toys. Largely geared towards infants and younger kids, it specialises in cute jigsaws and puzzles ranging from 20-800RMB. *SMM-20, Solana Lifestyle Shopping Park, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang district (5905 6115). Open 10am-10pm daily.* 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

65. Poplar Kids Republic

Poplar is a haven for kids. On the top floor are books in English and Chinese, toys and even play areas. Regular storytimes help keep young ones entertained and books such as *Beijing ABCs*, an illustrated book of translations of Mandarin words associated with Beijing, will set you back 80RMB. *Building 13, Jiamei Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang district (5869 3032). Open 10am-7pm daily.* 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外SOHO 13号楼一层

66. San Shi Zhai Kite Shop

San Shi Zhai specialise in individually made linen kites, all hand-painted to resemble a variety of animals. Larger (up to 2m) kites can cost up to 800RMB, but it also sells nice starter kits for a reasonable 10-50RMB. *25A Di'anmen Xidajie (east of Lotus Lane), Xicheng district (8404 4505). Open 8am-8pm daily.* 西城区地安门大街25号

67. Tang Roulou

Oriental and vintage-style baby apparel from times gone by is the currency of choice at **Tang Roulou**. Adorable blankets (450RMB), sleeping bags (450RMB) and tops (from 200RMB) all set the heart aflutter. *30 Sanlitun Bei Lu (inside Phoenix Design), Chaoyang district (6416 9761). Open 10.30am-8.30pm daily.* 朝阳区三里屯酒吧街北口内30号路西(凤栖内)

68. Tang's Toys and Crafts

Tang's Toys and Crafts specialise in handmade miniature folk caricatures, such as 'Lord Hare' (70RMB). The shop's recreations of Chinese social scenes (30-50RMB) are also brilliant. *38 Guozhijian Dajie, Dongcheng district (8404 7179). Open 11am-7pm daily.* 东城区国子监38号

HIDDEN GEMS



69. Beijing Postcards

Ten years ago, two self-confessed nerds started collecting vintage photographs of China. This collection became the inspiration for **Beijing Postcards**, a kitschy sounding but brilliant little shop on NLGX. The real show-stealers are the fascinating imperial photos turned into postcards (5RMB). *85-1 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng district (135 0109 8794). Open 11am-9pm daily.* 东城区南锣鼓巷85-1号

70. Boutique De L'Amour

Purple walls and psychedelic ceiling designs are a small price to pay for Beijing's most *chi-chi* sex shop. Sparsely filled with sex toys of eye-watering sizes and varieties, **Boutique De L'Amour** even has a 7,000RMB dildo that was once exhibited in New York's MOMA. More modestly priced/sized toys, games and erotic art will tickle your fancy, and parts beyond. *6 Hongjie Building, Gongti Dong Lu, Chaoyang district (8587 1278). Open 12pm-1am daily.* 朝阳区工体东路中国红街6号楼

71. Brand Nü

The first charity shop of its kind in Beijing, **Brand Nü** collects and sells unwanted goods to be recycled, repaired and reused, the proceeds going directly to benefit rural women in China. They also stock a variety of handicrafts from various NGO-supported projects. Be sure to check out the exquisite fair-trade jewellery from Guizhou. *61 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng district (150 1115 3421). Open 11am-10pm Tue-Sun (closed Mon).* 东城区五道营胡同61号

72. Fengguo Box

With branches throughout the city, the premise of **Fengguo Box** is that designers rent a 'box' within the store for around 100RMB per month, and sell their designs. Discover Communist-inspired trinkets, stuffed toys, clothing and mad stuff galore. *Joy City Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng district (665 1111). Open 10am-10pm daily.* Call for other branches. 西城区西单北大街131号大悦城

73. Mu Handicrafts

Superior curiosities and knick-knacks are on display at **Mu Handicrafts**, where the shelves are lined with great leather-bound books and novelties from 20-240RMB and artisan jewellery from 50RMB. *35 & 99 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng district (8401 1219/8404 3217). Open 10am-8pm daily.* 东城区南锣鼓巷33 & 99号

74. Natooke

Natooke is an oh-so-niche trick cycle and juggling ball shop. The fixed-gear bikes (from 2,800RMB) are circus standard, wobble-free, diabolo, rola bolas and standard juggles are pretty cheap, too. Bike rentals and juggling workshops also offered. *19-1 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng district (8402 6922). Open 9am-6pm Mon-Fri.* 东城区五道营胡同19-1号

75. Time Travel Store

A haven for second-hand goods, **Time Travel Store** owner Robin Liao will buy back many of your old books, CDs and DVDs he sells for half-price once you've finished with them. Check out his handmade planes and cars too. *67 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng district (6407 6092). Open 11am-8pm daily.* 东城区五道营胡同67号