

Mac Pierce

Real Toys for Real Boys

Plywood

Edition of 6

44 x 8 x 1"

2024

\$400

Taking its silhouette from the Winchester Repeating Rifle (1873), these plywood rifles act as a bridge object between play and the weaponry they represent. These styles of wooden rifles were imagined as the twin to the toy bow for the game Cowboys and Indians. As marketed by the manufacturer, the original Winchester was sold as "The Gun that Won the West" and is a recognizable symbol of the American cowboy. As a tool it occupies a mythological status in the American canon. That legendary status downplays its widespread use as a military rifle and as a tool of genocide.