

Space Age Chess Set

\$5.00
Paid

From: Yard sale



1960s Anri Universum Space Age Chess Set Italy Elliott

Description:

1960s set. Arthur Elliott design. Wood pieces in super condition. Box is good; minor stains and faint musty smell. White king's foil tag on bottom is scratched. Board is scratched with a few small chips but in real good condition.

Winning Bid:

\$386.00

Ended: 9/23/07

History: 9 bids

Starting Bid: \$9.99

Winner: Narberth, PA

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Kevin's Story (eBay ID: datoolgod)

My wife Wendy and I stopped at a small roadside yard sale. The sellers had 2 chess sets for sale, one with pieces made of marble and the other with wooden pieces. Wendy liked the marble set, but I was intrigued by the wood set. I negotiated a price of \$5.00 down from the asking price of \$10.00.

In my listing, I said that I believed the set dated from the 1950s. Ten minutes after I listed the set, I received an email from a friendly eBay, informing me that the set was actually from the 1960s. I learned that he is president of an online chess set collectors club. He predicted that my set would sell for at least \$100, probably more like \$150, and if the right buyers were looking, as much as \$200.

He told me that wood sets are generally more sought after than stone sets. He also said there is a group of dedicated chess set collectors who follow chess set auctions, and he would probably recognize many of the bidders. Who knew?

Bidding started shortly after I revised the listing, and I quickly had over 20 watchers on the item. Soon the bidding was up to \$270. One morning when I got up, bidding had reached \$386. Wow!

I'm glad we didn't buy the marble set!

