

# THE CAMERA



A camera eventually became a popular gift and photography became something that anyone could have a go at rather than just those with the money to afford the original highly expensive models. There must be countless people out there who have been given a camera as a child or young adult.

My dad's first and only camera was a Brownie and we all used it. I have got loads of pictures of Dudley Zoo. The disaster happened when I got married... my middle sister was in charge of taking the photographs. She took all the photographs of us and then proceeded to drop it. And my dad never had another photograph after that. Films were expensive so it was always black and white - never colour. **Jackie**

There have been many makes and designs of camera but one that has endured as a fond memory is the Brownie. The Brownie was the name of a long-running popular series of simple and inexpensive cameras made by the Eastman Kodak company. The Brownie was first introduced in 1900 and went through many style changes, while retaining the basic look and feel. It popularized low-cost photography and introduced the concept of the snapshot photograph.



Peter was great at taking photographs and got a Kodak. I took the photographs into Boots to be developed and she said do you really want all these photographs and I said oh yes please. There were 36 photographs of a bee. He took all these photographs to get the bee right. It cost me about £4.50 **Jackie**



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