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Dolls For The Princesses: The Story Of France And Marianne



Synopsis

It is well known that the Royal Collection contains an outstanding range of dolls and dolls' houses. The story told here concerns two very special dolls—France and Marianne—which were given to Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret in 1938, when they were, respectively, twelve and eight years old. Intended as a tangible expression of the Entente Cordiale between Great Britain and France on the eve of World War II, the dolls and their trousseaux also acted as a showcase for the French fashion industry and the elegant world of Parisian haute couture. Faith Eaton, the well-known writer and lecturer on the subject of dolls and doll collecting, here describes the historical events leading up to the presentation of the dolls, their creation in the world-famous Jumeau factory, and the preparation of their vast collection of designer dresses, fur coats, hats, shoes, and miniature accessories. Contributions came from the most prestigious fashion houses of the day, including Lanvin and Cartier, Hermès and Vuitton, and the excellence of their work is clearly seen in the book's specially commissioned photography. In her final chapter Eaton describes her own delicate conservation work, carried out over the years, to maintain the dolls' original perfection. 70 photographs and illustrations, 50 in color.

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This book has stunning pictures of this whole unique doll clothes collection. Beautiful book to enjoy looking through. Has interest especially for fashion history from the 1920-1930s France. Barbara

Beautiful book about a pair of dolls presented to the princesses of England from the people of

France 1938. The workmanship of this pair of dolls is exceptional and the accessories are of the highest quality of the day. It is all brought to life in the text and pictures. I highly recommend this book to doll collectors and history buffs alike.

This is a gorgeous book with beautiful photographs of the dolls. The photos show great detail. The story of the doll and their continuing history is relevant today. A must for any doll collector.

Wonderful representation of the era.

Nifty book allot of important info in it, many pictures and many details with dates and events , well written and very informative in all details. I highly recommend purchasing this book and is a great place to shop.

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