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Ideal Dolls: Identification Values, 3rd Edition is a pure pleasure for the Ideal doll collector, or anyone who would like to relive a little childhood nostalgia. Ideal Dolls is a gorgeous book that is generous sized and filled with colorful photographs on nearly every page. Having owned two other editions of Ideal Dolls, the Third Edition is my personal favorite. Readers will find detailed information on hundreds of Ideal dolls, even those that are exceedingly rare, or those that were of limited production. Ideal Dolls is useful for collectors as a reference guide for identifying Ideal dolls, and genuine original clothing. The book is an essential for seamstresses wishing to recreate authentic looking reproductions in garments. **Please note--that reproduction garments which are intended for sale must always be identified as such. Included are price guides for the dolls which may or may not be helpful for those looking to purchase dolls on internet sites or doll shows. Actual worth of nearly any vintage doll is actually very subjective. However, price estimates may help to orient newer Ideal doll collectors regarding scarcity and rarity of certain dolls such as hair color, unusual garments, etc. An example included in the book is the Ideal Jackie doll. Ideal Jackie is extremely scarce, and rarely found. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis pursued legal channels to halt production of the Ideal Jackie doll as she felt that the doll was created in her personal likeness without her consent. And thus, the Ideal Jackie doll was extremely limited in production and consequently is an exceedingly rare Ideal doll. Collector's Guide to Ideal Dolls: Identification Values, 3rd Edition will also be a joy for Shirley Temple doll collectors. It appears that nearly every type of Ideal Shirley Temple doll, in various sizes and arrayed in dozens of different garments is featured. Even the most avid Ideal Doll collectors will find new information and variations in their favorite dolls in this very impressive book. The first pages of the book document the history of Ideal dolls, years of manufacture, and materials used. Readers will be fascinated with factual details of bestselling dolls and those that were dismal failures in terms of sales. And appendix in the back is extremely helpful as it describes Ideal stamps on the dolls, and the corresponding years respective to production of various dolls. Collector's Guide to Ideal Dolls: Identification Values, 3rd Edition is a gorgeous book, which would be an excellent conversational piece on a coffee table, or a very useful guide for Ideal doll collectors. It is an essential guide for collectors and admirers alike of Ideal brand dolls. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Very Dissatisfied In this Book! By THE ORIGINAL DAZE All I can say is that if you own the Ideal Doll "2nd" Edition... Don't Buy The "3rd" Edition!!! I was so upset when I got this book, it is exactly like the 2nd Edition same pictures and all!!! I was hoping it would share a "new and different" version of the clothing and dolls. All I could see that was different is the pricing, but that won't help you much because it all depends on the demand of the item. You can go to Ebay and do a search on "ended" auctions to get an idea of what something is going for. Prices change each and every day.

Ideal Toy company is one of America's oldest and largest manufacturers of dolls--with a production so enormous that over 700 different dolls were produced between 1907-1985. This guide features dolls with names, dates, descriptions, marks, catalog numbers, photos, and current market prices. Full color.

About the Author Judith Izen, a doll historian, is the author of the acclaimed Collector's Guide to Ideal Dolls, 2nd Edition, as well as the definitive Collector's Encyclopedia of Vogue Dolls (co-authored with Carol Stover). Her over 50 articles covering all types of dolls have appeared in Antiques and Collecting Hobbies, Contemporary Doll, Doll Reader, and many other publications. She has also written for web-based publications and is the former doll columnist for Toy Shop magazine. Ms. Izen also lectures and teaches on the topic of dolls. She has been a guest curator of dolls at museums and a featured speaker at doll conventions. Ms. Izen holds the B.S. degree from Boston University and a M.S. degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. She worked in medical research for over ten years and has transferred her research skills into her hobby of doll collecting.