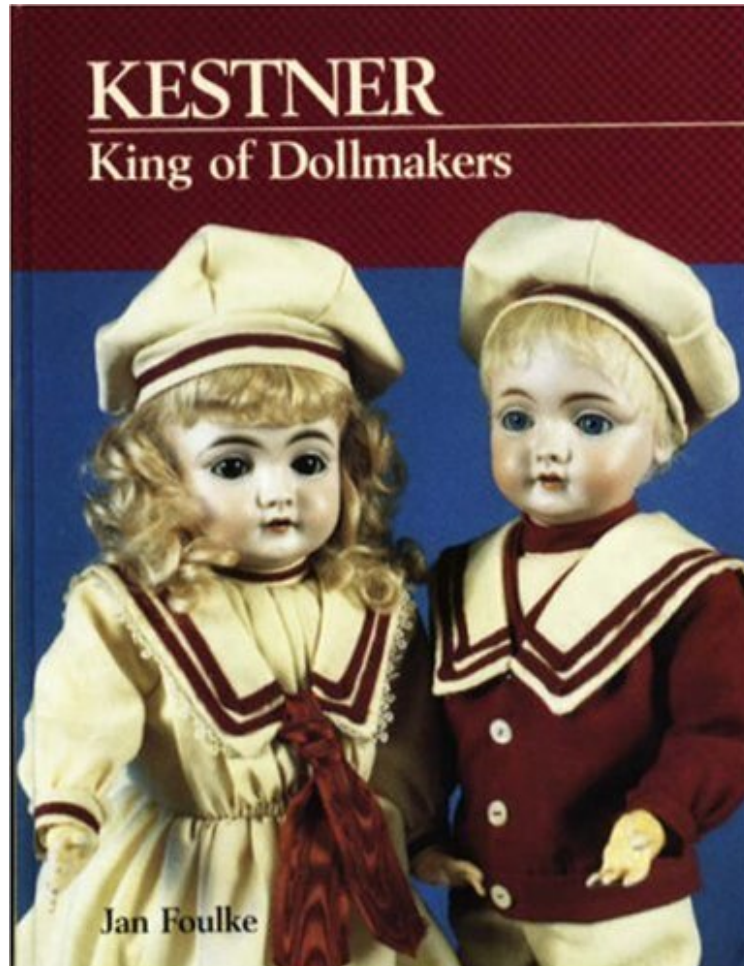


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From the Back CoverThe focus of this reference textbook is the German bisque dolls produced from the early 1880s until the merging of the Kestner factory with Kammer Reinhardt in the 1930s. Featured in this comprehensive story of Kestner are 530 very detailed black/white plus 77 full color photographs. For the first time the Kestner Character Children have been gathered together and shown in one place as a series. Also covered are the desirable Hilda dolls (many variations, Bye-Lo babies, the Century dolls, Kewpies, googly-eyes dolls, lady dolls, not to mention the chapters on the closed-mouth, open-mouth, character babies and all bisque dolls. Extensive research work has been compiled with the mold numbers to further aid identification. The beautiful pictures by Howard Foulke plus the keen research information can be considered a collection to itself.

About the AuthorThe name Jan Foulke is synonymous with accurate information. As the author of the Blue Book of Dolls Values, she is the most quoted source on doll information and the most respected and recognized authority on dolls and doll prices in the world. Jan and her husband, Howard, who photographs the dolls presented in the Blue Book, were both fond of antiquing as a hobby, and in 1972 they decided to open a small antique shop of their own. The interest of their daughter, Beth, in dolls sparked their curiosity about the history of old dolls-an interest that quite naturally grew out of their love of heirlooms. The stock in their antique shop gradually changed and evolved into an antique doll shop. Early in the development of their antique doll shop, Jan and Howard realized that there was a critical need for an accurate and reliable doll identification and price guide resource. In the early 1970s, the Foulkes teamed up with Hobby House Press to produce (along with Thelma Bateman) the first Blue Book of Dolls Values, originally published in 1974. Since that time, the Foulkes have exclusively authored and illustrated the thirteen successive editions, and today the Blue Book is regarded by collectors and dealers as the definitive source for doll prices and values. Jan and Howard Foulke now dedicate all of their professional time to the world of dolls: writing and illustrating books and articles, appraising collections, lecturing on antique dolls, acting as consultants to museums, auction houses and major collectors, and selling dolls by mail order, the internet, and exhibits at major shows throughout the United States. Mrs. Foulke is a member of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Doll Collectors of America, and the National Antique Doll Dealers Association. Her biography appears in Who's Who in the East. Mrs. Foulke has appeared on numerous television talk shows and is often quoted in newspaper and magazine articles as the ultimate source for doll pricing and trends in collecting. Both USA Today and The Washington Post have stated that the Blue Book of Dolls Values is "the bible of doll collecting." In addition to her work on the fourteen editions of the Blue Book of Dolls Values, Jan Foulke has also authored: Focusing on Effanbee Composition Dolls; A Treasury of Madame Alexander Dolls; Kestner; King of Dollmakers; Simon Halbig, the Artful Aspect; Focusing on Gebruder Heubach Dolls; Doll Classics; Focusing on Dolls; China Doll Collecting; German 'Dolly' Collecting, and Doll Buying and Selling. She has been a regular contributor to Doll Reader magazine for 27 years (since the beginning). Her current columns are the popular Antique QA and Guide to Antique Dolls.