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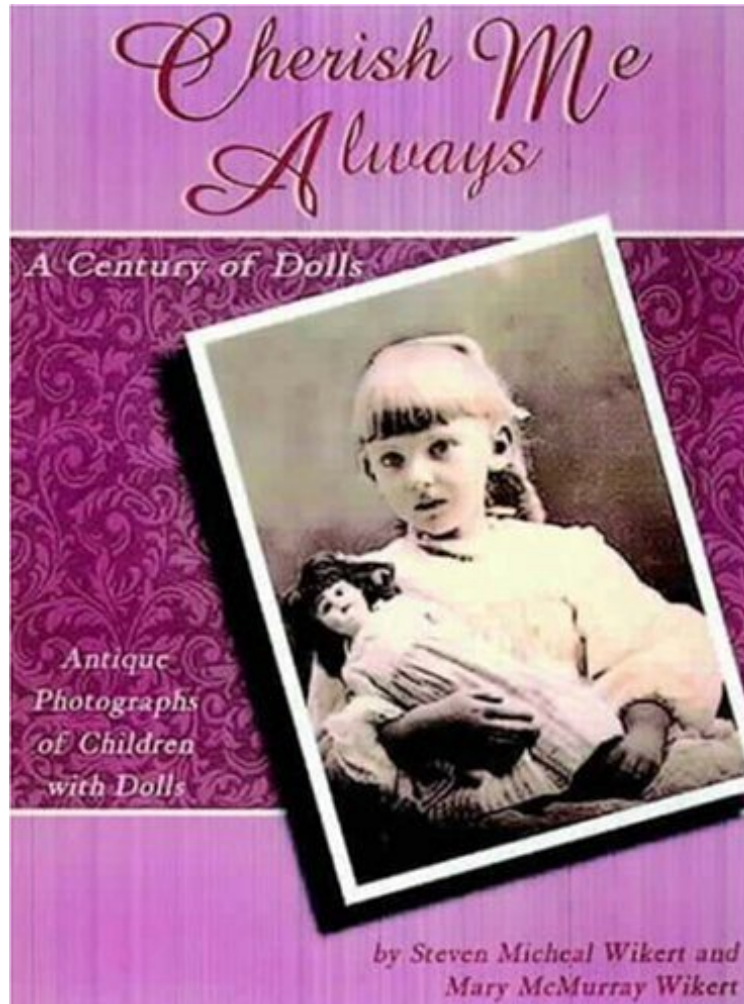


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The predominantly female subjects hold their dolls tenderly and show them off proudly. It is a sentimental journey into America's past that the reader can easily indulge in. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great for 18th 19th Century doll child costumes By Stephanie Spika When I first borrowed this book from the library, I did so because I expected it to be a "browser" book that I'd read once, and then return. As it turned out, I was so enthralled with the variety of illustrated dolls, children, and clothing, that I ended up buying my own copy of the book. Doll restoration and preservation is my avocation, and so the book is an invaluable resource for finding real examples of how the dolls were dressed, and what the children wore. It was refreshing to see such variety, and to see that, then as now, not all dolls were "dressed to the nines." Some were simply dressed by their owners or mothers in sturdy clothes to play with. When faced with the task of replacing a doll dress on an antique doll, I am going to use this book as a reference. For me, the book is a new and valuable resource in my personal library. I don't think it would have been published for the text alone. Most of that fluffy stuff was superfluous, and some of it was just plain drivel. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. So-so By Becky I found this book disappointing and narrow in scope. It's a book for doll collectors who don't have other interests. There are about a hundred reproductions of photos of children with dolls, from about 1880 to the 1950s, photos reproduced from postcards, greeting cards, visiting cards, etc. The photos are poorly reproduced and poorly arranged on a beige-pink background which does nothing for them and are accompanied by uninformative comments like, "This wistful girl in elaborate costume holds what looks like a German "dolly faced" doll." Many of the photos show children who seem to be related to each other, they have these funny ears that stick out like bugles and one gets the feeling that they are from a single private collection from a region where there are problems of consanguinity. The photos are not in chronological order so you can not use it to see how doll clothing styles changed over time. There doesn't seem to be any order to them at all. There are a few schmaltzy poems and that's about it for text. This book is alright but for the price, could be so much better.

Enter the timeless realm of children and their dolls in this charming volume of *Cherish Me Always!* 229 vintage photographs, reflecting a century of dolls and the most delightful children, surround 19 enchanting poems. The perfect gift!

About the Author Steven Micheal Wikert resides with his wife, Mary McMurray Wikert in Cedar Falls, Iowa where they have raised two sons. They share a unique knowledge of vintage dolls, teddy bears and many other antiques.