

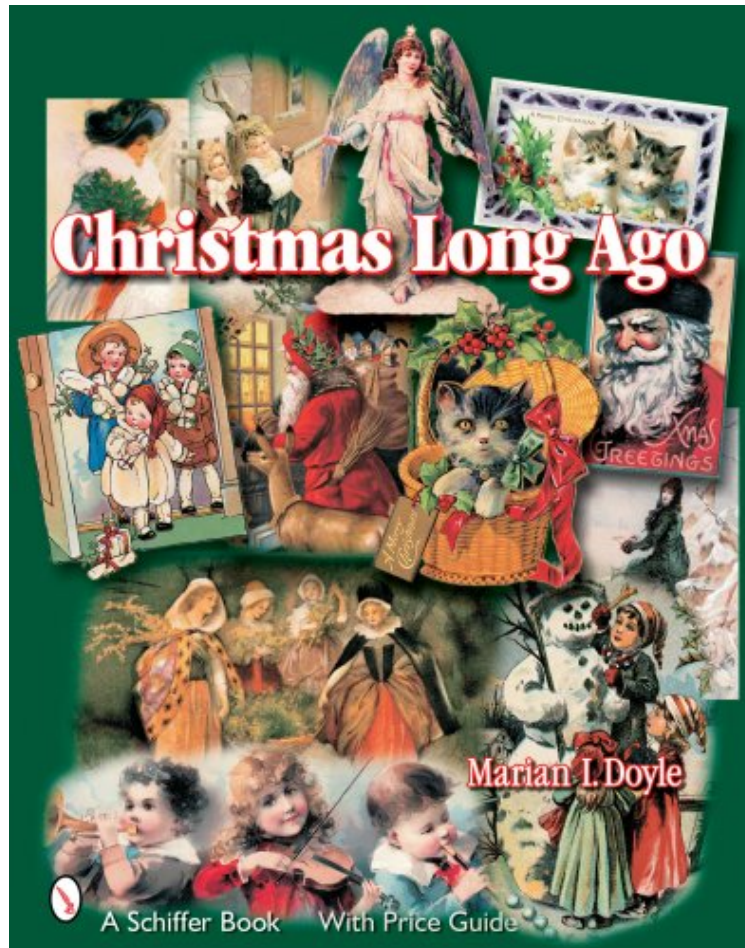
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About the Author Marian I. Doyle is a lifelong resident of rural western Pennsylvania, where her childhood holiday memories are edged in a hazy border of falling snow. She writes a weekly column, "Pictures From the Past," for *AntiqueWeek* news, and this is her second book for Schiffer Publishing.