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Consummate doll collector and wildly successful author of *This Is Blythe* (Chronicle Books, 2000) Gina Garan rediscovers the chic and unsettling allure of doe-eyed Susie Sad Eyes, that triste, young, and neglected 70s fashion

doll. *Susie Says* features over 60 photographs of Susie on an uber-fashionable American tour in a range of styles and looks, from cobbled together and handmade, to vintage and found with over a dozen uniquely customized Susies. Not enough for you doll lovers?! In *Susie Says*, sad, little Susie discovers her voice and breaks her silence. Each of Gina's photographs are accompanied by Susie's thoughts, the inspiring and hilarious bon mots of International superstar performer, Justin Vivian Bond (of *Kiki and Herb*). Gina Garan is a new master in a world where dolls rule. Her hypnotic photography, exotic locations, and styling seduce the eyes to orgasmic highs. David LaChapelle

About the Author In 2000, Gina Garan authored *This Is Blythe*, the seminal book of and about the legendary fashion doll Blythe. Since then it has sold over 50,000 copies, spawning a worldwide renaissance for the doll and introducing Garan to the world. Garan has since published numerous other books of her work, including *Blythe Style* (Chronicle, 2005), *Blythe Moment* (2006) and *Blythe Rhapsody* (2007). Her photos have been displayed in solo shows in Tokyo, London, Melbourne, Seoul, Los Angeles, New York, and Santa Fe, and in numerous group shows. Ms. Garan has also collaborated on the design and production of several new dolls, including *ginagirls*, sold mainly in Japan, and *Bendels Girls*, available exclusively at New York department store Henri Bendel. Ms. Garan lives in New York City. A singer, songwriter, Tony-nominated performer, and painter, Justin Vivian Bond is widely known for his witty, arch sense of humor with thousands of avid twitter followers. Bond has been writing, starring in and producing theatrical, cabaret, and art events internationally for 20 years. Bond's first book, *Tango: My Childhood Backwards* and *High Heels* will be published by The Feminist Press in September of 2011.