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**Mary Caruso : The Care of Favorite Dolls : Antique Bisque Conservation** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Care of Favorite Dolls : Antique Bisque Conservation:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Great Book!By Wendy ClementsThis book has more than just bisque doll information--it also has sections on repairing composition, cloth, and kid bodies, which I wasn't expecting, and they're really helpful. I have looked up and found so much contradictory information on the internet--the information here is clear, concise, and well illustrated with photographs. She uses dolls that really need help, which makes it helpful for beginning doll collectors looking for bargains. It doesn't seem quite so scary to do repairs with this book, and it's really one of, if not the best, I've seen. Absolutely worth buying.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This Book is Terrific!By J. McPhersonBeing a novice restorer, I am always looking for information. This book is great. She doesn't waste time on expensive French leather bodies. In fact, I don't remember anything about soft body repair. I am so grateful for instructions on restringing a solid wood body when the hooks are imbedded

within the wood. How often does that come up? But, here are instructions for restringing. She talks about how to salvage eyes when a chunk is missing. (Personally, I hate replacement eyes no matter how "antique" they are.) She talks about resetting wigs and illustrates with photos. Her solutions are practical and easy to follow. My only disappointment is that there are at least two references to material to be found later in the book, but it isn't there at all. That said, I highly recommend this book to all lovers of "TLC" antique dolls. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Getting started By CustomerTaught me a lot about cleaning and restoring dolls. Touched on eyes, wigs, and cleaning methods. Good beginner's book.

The definitive book on what collectors need to know about the care of the bisque dolls of French and German origin.

Beginning with identification and the features of both the antique and reproductions of the antique bisque dolls, Caruso discusses doll repair, eye repair, wig care, making cloth bodies, doll costuming and accessories. The author takes a realistic approach to doll repair-that which allows dolls to be restored to realistic standards but which does no harm to the doll. Clear step-by-step instructions for stringing dolls, setting eyes, styling wigs and much more, this book should be in the library of every collector who owns a bisque doll. 150 color plus 150 black/white photos. 176 pages.

From the Back Cover This reference book will be invaluable to anyone who owns bisque dolls. The information about handling dolls, and how to style wigs applies to modern dolls as well as antiques. Step-by-step directions, including photographs, on how to restring a ball jointed composition body, how to set eyes and make eye repairs, how to replace broken fingers, how to mend leather bodies, and how to cover damaged bodies, and much more, are easy to follow.

The author believes that doing what is in the doll's best interest is most important: to never make irreversible or incorrect repairs. About the Author Education-Bachelor of Science, Mundelein College, Chicago, IL Positions held-Medical Research, Loyola University, 3 years; Teacher, Jr. High Math and Science, Chicago Diocese, 10 years Awards-Illinois Junior Academy of Science Chairmen's Award, 1997 Memberships-past member, Illinois Science Teachers Association; past member, Minnesota Quilters Association; United Federation of Doll Clubs; Madame Alexander Collectors Club; Doll Artisan Guild Activities-Diocesan Science Curriculum Committee Member; Science Teachers' Newsletter; Science Teacher In-Service Workshop Presenter; Volunteer Math Tutor; Volunteer Akron Historical Society; Co-Founder/Chairman, Akron Doll Show Owner-Doll Works, Doll Shop and Hospital, Stow, OH Hobbies-Travel, Antiquing, Reading, Gardening, Old House Restoration, Study of Anthropology