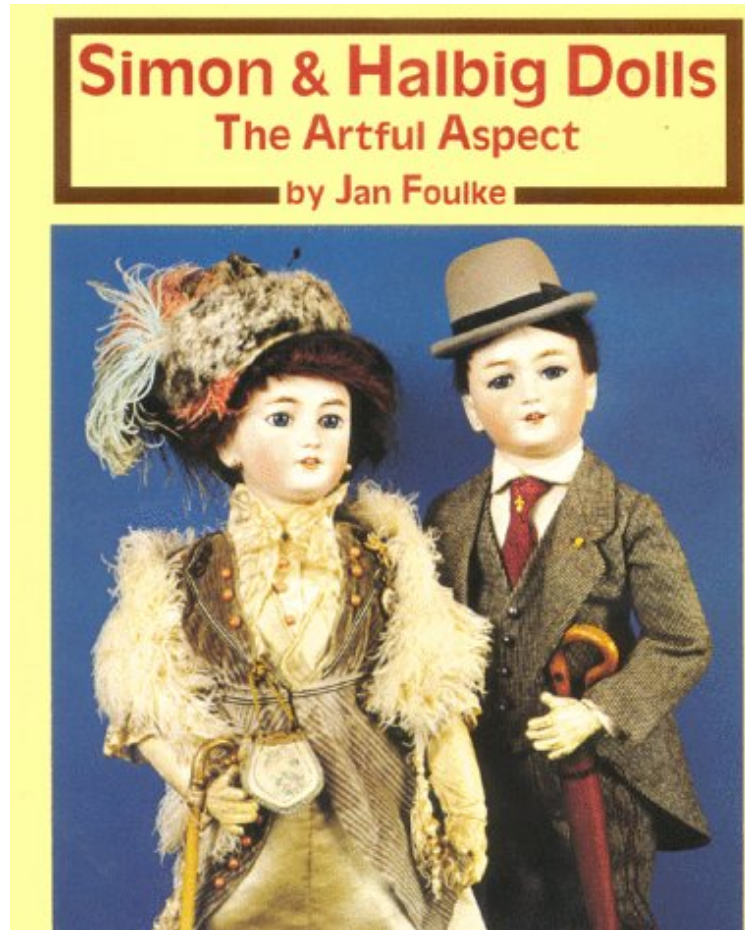


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From the Back CoverThis valuable reference book concerns the doll heads produced by the Simon Halbig porcelain factory from the 1880s until the 1920s. These high quality doll heads were made for and sold to many firms including some of those in France such as Jumeau and Roullet Decamps. German doll firms using these heads include Kammer Reinhardt, C.M. Bergmann and Heinrich Handwerck. The author's extensive research as well as the 539 black and white and 26 color photographs make this an invaluable reference for the serious doll collector. Included are dolly faces, character dolls, all-bisques, toddlers and lady dolls.

The most complete listing to date of mold numbers, dates and marks serves to help the collector identify the dolls made with Simon Halbig heads.

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*.