

Antique Bisque Doll



Antique Bisque Doll Parts From Orphan Doll~Little Teeth

Description:

This auction is for an orphaned porcelain doll I rescued from an untimely death. She measures approx. 7" tall. As you can see from the pictures, she's seen better days, however, she has such a pretty face with her open-and-close eyes and little teeth, that I couldn't bear to see her be thrown out. I figure someone out there can use her for parts. She's missing both arms. One of her legs is wrapped in a bandage and I don't know what's underneath. She's got paint on her southern area. There was a sticker remnant on her chest but I took that off. The little hair she has left is matted and you can see the netting underneath.

Can you use her for something?

Winning Bid:

\$76.55

Ended: 4/17/07

History: 10 bids

Starting Bid: \$4.97

Winner: Arizona

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Teri's Story (eBay id: distinctive*home*and*garden)

My 7-year-old granddaughter and I had gone on a short trip to Northern California to visit my mom and brothers. On my last day there, a Friday, I dragged my brother John, his daughter, and my granddaughter, with me to go garage saling.

We visited about 10 garage and estate sales. I was blown away by how cheap everything was up there compared to down here in Southern California. Things that would have been priced at \$1 or more here were priced at \$.05 and \$.10. Several of these sales also had a box marked "free", items they didn't feel they could sell but also didn't want to throw away.

We were at the last sale of the morning and I was nosing around when I spotted a box of "free" items. Now, I normally don't spend a lot of time looking through these boxes because they usually DO contain junk. For some reason, this time I went all the way to the bottom, where a little doll at the very bottom caught my eye.

She was obviously old. She had no arms. She had one good leg and the other looked like a bloody stump wrapped in a bandage. Her hair was only half there, and what was left was matted and tangled. She was filthy. She had a drip of paint on her torso. Even with all those flaws, she also had open-and-shut eyes that still worked, and little tiny teeth. Not a strip of white painted teeth, but individual little teeth.

Maybe it was instinct, maybe it was her little teeth, or maybe it was something I read in one of your 100 Best books, but something told me I needed to put her up on eBay. I searched through the box for her arms, but couldn't find them. The lady running

the yard sale told me the doll had belonged to her grandmother and that there was another doll like her in the box. I looked again, but someone must have already taken the other one.

Well, I brought her back home with me. After doing a little research, I found she was an antique bisque doll, however, I couldn't put an age to her. I listed her for a starting bid of \$4.97 with the title, "Antique Bisque Doll Parts From Orphan Doll~Little Teeth". I didn't think she would sell.

I decided to remove the sticker remnant on her stomach, as I thought it was a piece of trash stuck to her. BIG mistake. I was politely chastised by one of the bidders for removing what could have been an identifying feature. I won't make that mistake again. Also, during the auction, the string holding her legs onto her body disintegrated, so I made sure to revise my description to reflect this fact. She ended up selling for \$76.55 to a very nice lady in Arizona. Score!

After I shipped the doll, I sent her an e-mail asking if she could tell me anything about her. She identified the doll as being manufactured by Kestner Co., Germany, around 1900 - 1910. She is hoping to someday find replacement arms and legs at a doll show or on eBay.

