

Antique or Junque: Vintage fashion doll still stylish

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Q: I have enclosed a photo of a doll that was given to me when I was about 5 years old. "Allied Dolls - AE - 3651" is marked on the back of the doll's neck. She stands about 30 inches tall and she is wearing the original dress. Since I never really played with her, she is in excellent condition. Although I have researched the Allied Doll Co. on the Internet, I have not found any specific information on her history.

ALLIED DOLLS - This doll from the Allied Dolls Co. was made around 1958 and would be worth about \$75 to \$125. CNS Photo. WATT POTTERY MARK - The Watt Pottery Co. was founded in Crooksville, Ohio, in 1922 and produced kitchenware until 1965. CNS Illustration. I hope you can provide information on the manufacturer, vintage and value.

A: Allied Doll Co. made hard plastic, jointed dolls with sleep eyes and closed mouths from the 1940s to the 1960s. The dolls usually wore high-fashion outfits and were often sold in supermarkets in the 1950s. Allied Doll Co. marked their dolls with the letters "AE" along with a model number in the 1950s.

Your doll was made around 1958 and would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of five matching dishes that I have. The dishes are in graduating sizes from 5 to 9 inches in diameter and each includes a number with the mark. Each piece is decorated with a deep red apple and three green leaves against a cream background and all are in excellent condition.

What is the value of my set?

A: You have a set of mixing bowls that was made by Watt Pottery Co. Their Apple series was introduced in 1952 and included several variations of the apple and leaves design. The numbers represent the size of the bowl. Watt Pottery Co. was founded in Crooksville, Ohio, in 1922 and produced kitchenware until 1965.

Your set is circa 1952 and would probably be worth \$425 to \$475.

Q: I have a beautiful 52-piece set of Community Silver-plate flatware. Each place setting consists of two teaspoons, a soup spoon, a dinner fork, a salad fork and a knife, plus four serving spoons. The pattern is an ornate rose design and I also have the original wooden felt-lined box.

Can you tell me where my flatware was made, its approximate value, and any other interesting history?

A: Oneida Silversmiths made your Community Silver-plate flatware. The company can trace its history back to a religious society, the Oneida Community, in Oneida, N.Y. They are one of the leading manufacturers of sterling, silver-plate and stainless-steel flatware with factories in New York and several foreign countries. Judging from your description, the pattern of your set is Silver Artistry that was introduced in 1965.

Your service for eight flatware including the serving pieces and box would probably be worth \$325 to \$425.

Q: Could you please give me an idea of the value of two old school books I have? One is "Indiana Edition of New Introductory Geography" published in 1917. The other is "Stoddard's American Intellectual Arithmetic" published in 1866. They are both hardcover books and show some sign of wear on the edges and spine.

I would greatly appreciate any information on these books.

A: "Indiana Edition of New Introductory Geography" was written by Alexis Everett Frye. The arithmetic book was written by John Stoddard, the president of the University of Northern Pennsylvania. It was a book of mental exercises and their solutions.

Your books are selling on the Internet in the \$35 to \$50 range each.

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