

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY



Flapper-era "bed doll," circa 1920s–1930s

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$60 – \$145

*Based on comparable sales of antique
boudoir/bed dolls in good original condition*

Boudoir Doll

Flapper-Era "Bed Doll" — circa 1920s–1930s

HISTORY

Boudoir dolls — also called bed dolls, sofa dolls, or "flapper dolls" — were a hugely popular decorative fashion accessory from roughly 1915 through the 1930s. Rather than being made as children's toys, these tall, elegantly dressed dolls with long limbs and painted, heavy-lidded "flapper" eyes were designed purely for display, draped artfully across a lady's bed or divan as a statement of contemporary style. Produced primarily in France, and later widely copied by American manufacturers, boudoir dolls captured the glamour and silhouette of the Jazz Age, with elaborate silk, satin, and lace costuming, long slender bodies, and elongated limbs meant to drape decoratively.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Type: Boudoir ("bed" or "sofa") doll
- ◆ Era: circa 1920s–1930s, Art Deco/Flapper period
- ◆ Elongated limbs designed for decorative draping/display
- ◆ Painted or applied "sleepy-eyed" flapper-style features
- ◆ Costume: period-style silk/satin dress with lace or trim detailing
- ◆ Condition: good, consistent with age

COLLECTOR NOTES

Boudoir dolls are collected as fashion and decorative-arts pieces as much as dolls, prized for capturing the glamour of the Jazz Age. Values vary considerably by maker (French examples typically bring more than American-made copies), originality of costume, and condition of the face paint, which is prone to wear. Well-preserved examples with vibrant original costuming sit at the higher end of the range.

