

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

A Pair of Vintage Three-Face Dolls — All Original, Very Good Condition

TRILBY & TRUDY

Classic American "3-in-1" Multi-Face Character Dolls



Trilby and Trudy belong to a beloved category of American novelty dolls known as "three-face" or "3-in-1" dolls — each has a single head sculpted with three distinct expressions (typically smiling, sleeping, and crying), concealed inside a bonnet or hood. A knob at the crown of the head, hidden beneath the fabric hood, allows the head to be rotated so a different face appears in the bonnet's opening. The concept was popular with several American doll makers from the mid-1940s through the early 1950s, appealing to children and collectors alike as a clever three-dolls-in-one novelty.

◆ *"Turn the knob, change her mood — happy, sleepy, or crying, all wrapped in one bonnet. It's the kind of everyday cleverness that made mid-century American toy design so charming."* ◆



*Trudy — 1946 Composition Three-Face Doll
Original White Lace Christening Gown & Bonnet*

Trudy

Composition Three-Face Doll — Smile / Cry / Sleep — Circa 1946

DESCRIPTION

Trudy is a classic 1946-era composition three-face doll, generally attributed to the Three-In-One Doll Corporation, one of the original makers of this novelty style. Her head is hand-painted composition with a knob at the crown (concealed beneath her lace bonnet) that rotates to reveal one of three expressions: smiling, crying, or sleeping — this example is shown in her smiling face, and the owner confirms the rotating mechanism is still fully functional, cycling smoothly between all three faces. She retains her original soft cloth body, white lace christening-style gown with ribbon and floral trim, matching lace bonnet, and cloth booties, all reported to be original to the doll and in very good vintage condition.

Estimated Value: \$150 – \$275



Trilby



Trilby — Ideal Three-Face Vinyl Doll, Circa 1951–52
Original Yellow & Green Hooded Outfit

Ideal Toy Company Three-Face Doll — Smile / Cry / Sleep — Circa 1951–1952

DESCRIPTION

Trilby was produced by the Ideal Toy Company circa 1951–52 as a vinyl-headed successor to the earlier composition three-face dolls of the 1940s. Like Trudy, her mechanism uses a knob at the top of the head — hidden beneath her fabric hood — to rotate between smiling, crying, and sleeping faces; this example is shown in her smiling face, and the owner confirms this mechanism is also still fully functional. She wears her original mustard-yellow and green two-piece outfit with a matching pointed hood tied at the chin, reported to be all original and in very good vintage condition.

Estimated Value: \$125 – \$225

ITEM	MAKER / ERA	CONDITION	EST. VALUE
Trudy	Three-In-One Doll Corp., c. 1946	All original (unredressed), very good vintage, mechanism works	\$150 – \$275
Trilby	Ideal Toy Company, c. 1951–52	All original (unredressed), very good vintage, mechanism works	\$125 – \$225
Combined Estimated Value			\$275 – \$500

Honest Disclosure: Attribution to the Three-In-One Doll Corporation (Trudy) and the Ideal Toy Company (Trilby) is based on the dolls' names, construction, and styling matching documented examples of these companies' three-face doll lines; no maker's mark was independently confirmed by this appraiser from photographs alone. A meaningful share of both dolls found on the secondary market today have been redressed with replacement or added clothing over the decades, and working rotation mechanisms are far from guaranteed — this pair's status as genuinely all-original (never redressed) with fully functional face-changing mechanisms places them well above typical market examples, which supports the higher end of the valuation ranges below. Actual sale prices vary with buyer interest and exact maker confirmation.

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