



# The Magic Doll and other stories

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Originally published as *The Silent Playmate*, this collection reflects the compiler's concern for the links between children's imaginative play and their reading. There are some special discoveries in the stories --- all about dolls and playthings --- including *Memories of a London Doll*, dating from the 1840's: a fine Ruth Ainsworth: a retelling of a Hans Christian Andersen. The introductions (by Miss Lewis) are miniature masterpieces in that they convey to the young her unrivalled sensitivity to the texture of the stories. I wish we had more models of ways in which the 'surprise and triumph' of stories could be talked about so generously to children. There's a sense of magic in the collection: dolls become owners and rocking horses want to escape and fly. Children's toys may now be very different from the days in which most of these stories were first told --- but the magic still holds. All ages.

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