

Woman Treats 300 Dolls As Her Real Children

Marilyn Mansfield is a 36-year-old mother of 2 who has collected over 300 surprisingly lifelike dolls.

She cares for them as if they were her own real children, and Marilyn can often be found walking along the street or in a park with a stroller full of her 'children'.

"I loved walking with a stroller when my kids were little - they don't fit in strollers anymore, so I take out my dolls."

Marilyn acknowledges that her fascination for dolls began when she was a child.



"I've been fascinated with dolls since as early as I can remember - when I was a two-year-old I had a cookie monster doll and wouldn't let go of it. When I was about 7 or 8, I got a doll called Real Baby, it looked very realistic - but not as realistic as my babies here.

When I see my dolls, my instinct is to cuddle them, mother them, take care of them - that's just what comes natural to me."

The mother-of-two has spent thousands of dollars on her collection. She has started her own doll making business which makes and sells eerily lifelike dolls.

Most of the space in Marilyn's home has been taken up by her dolls. This wouldn't be too bad if she lived alone, but she lives with her husband and two children - a 10-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter.

Of course Marilyn doesn't have a favorite human child, but she does have a favorite doll. And she gives it extra special attention.

Her favorite goes by the name of Davina Star. Davina's hair isn't the usual doll hair - Marilyn used her son's hair to make Davina more humanlike.

"We usually use goat hair for the babies, but I decided to use my son's hair so she looks more like one of the family."

Zoth, Marilyn's husband, is quite understanding of her peculiar fixation and supports his wife whenever she gets a new addition to her 'family'. He believes that their home can never be too full.

"A full home is a happy home."

"This is my life and has been for over ten years now - living with babies surrounding me in my bedroom and every room of the house," Zoth says.

"I help care for them, I help make and sell them - it's part of the lifestyle that I live now."

Every now and then, while walking with her 'family', complete strangers will make negative remarks to Marilyn. She shrugs off their rudeness and gets her enjoyment when other people are fooled and think that her dolls are actual human children.

Some doctors say, that for some people, taking care of dolls can be therapeutic. It can be beneficial as long as you're not losing touch with reality.

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Do you think Marilyn is losing touch with reality?

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