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In the past a child with an imaginary companion might have been considered peculiar, shy, or even troubled, but according to Taylor the reality is much more positive--and interesting. Not only are imaginary companions surprisingly common, the children who have them tend to be less shy than other children. They also are better able to focus their attention and to see things from another person's perspective. In addition to describing imaginary companions and the reasons children create them, Taylor discusses other aspects of children's fantasy lives, such as their belief in Santa, their dreams, and their uncertainty about the reality of TV characters. Adults who remember their own childhood pretend friends will be interested in the chapter on the relationship between imaginary companions in childhood and adult forms of fantasy. Taylor also addresses practical concerns, providing many useful suggestions for parents. For example, she describes how children often express their own feelings by attributing them to their imaginary companion.

If you have a child who creates imaginary creatures, or if you work with preschoolers, you will find this book very helpful in understanding the roles that imaginary companions play in children's emotional lives.

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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Taylor (psychology, Univ. of Oregon) deftly discusses imaginary companions and the roles they play in children's lives. She discusses just what imaginary companions are and debates whether toys used imaginatively fit the description. She also considers which children create imaginary companions, why they do, and whether they can grasp the distinction between reality and fantasy. Taylor assures readers that children who create imaginary companions are not the mentally unstable characters we so often encounter in popular culture, and she gives educated parents and the professionals working with their children clear information. Her thorough bibliography will be useful for further research. Given the dearth of books on the subject, Taylor's meticulously researched and scholarly yet accessible book is highly recommended for both academic and large public libraries. AMarija Sanderling, Rochester P.L., NH
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"Engrossing reading for those whose children have invisible pals or who had them themselves, and for those interested in creativity and in how children develop conceptions of reality."--*Booklist*

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