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SEX DOLLS AT SEA

IMAGINED HISTORIES OF SEXUAL TECHNOLOGIES



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Sex Dolls at Sea: Imagined Histories of Sexual Technologies addresses the cultural conversations around the current rise of sex tech - digital technologies used for sexual pleasure - by examining popular narratives about sex tech's history. The book explores the topics through the lens of the sex doll as the "original" sexual technology, with a focus on the so-called dames de voyage, homemade sex dolls supposedly cobbled together by sailors on long journeys in centuries gone by.



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