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friezes.¹ Kate Greenaway first invented her quaint children's dress for greeting cards, and was later acclaimed in Paris, where her smocks, aprons, bonnets and long pants were duplicated for real children.² Beatrix Potter retained the international copyright on the figurines and china depicting her well known animal characters.³ Furthermore, most artists have professed a desire to create inexpensive books that could be purchased easily by any middle class family. American author/artist Howard Pyle believed that illustrated stories in popular magazines had a wider impact on people than books, since they were read by "every sort of public,"⁴ and several of Jessie Wilcox Smith's illustrations for Mother Goose and for Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses* were used first as magazine covers by *Good Housekeeping*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and *Collier's*.⁵

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A television show plugs a Disney movie; the movie characters can move into Disneyland or be used as the basis for more television, comics, songs, and toys. . . . *Pinocchio*, for instance, brought the studio only \$1.5 million of its \$2 million cost when it was first released in 1940. . . a third, now in process, will return about \$4 million in purest gravy.⁶

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become a legend in fame and in profits. By 1939, the watch had grossed \$4.7 million.⁷

Today the relationship between toys and books is as strong as ever: toys influence books, and books toys. Maurice Sendak has said his *In the Night Kitchen* was influenced by "art that was very real and potent to a child growing up in America in the thirties and forties. . . a popular American art both crass and oddly surrealistic, an art that encompasses the Empire State Building, syncopated Disney cartoons, and aluminum-clad comic book heroes."⁸ In 1948, Sendak and his brother Jack created six toys representing well-known fairy tales, and Maurice got a job on the basis of them.⁹ In 1981, Sendak himself was seen on a national morning show discussing his off-Broadway musical *Really Rosie* and his controversial new picture book *Outside Over There*. He was also in a Sony Beta video tape advertisement, and stuffed-toy versions of his Wild Things premiered on the cover of the I. Magnin Christmas catalog.

Since the toys designed around Sendak's Wild Things cost at least \$35.00, they are certainly not intended for the average middle class child. What is the typical middle class child getting as presents? According to the New York Times, the 1981 Christmas market depended less upon hand-held electronic games and more upon staples, such as Barbie dolls, Playskool toys, and the Rubik's cube. Two earlier baby dolls, Tiny Tears and Patti Playpal, made a comeback. Ideal Toy personnel explained that these dolls were purposely brought back on the 1981 market because they would "appeal to mothers who had the same dolls."¹⁰ Experts realize that parents will buy the toys of their youth **[End Page 5]** for their children, and so, in a poor economic climate, U.S. toy companies counted...

⁶Joseph Tuzov, *Getting Books to Children: An Exploration of Publisher-Reader Relations*, Chicago: American Library Association, 1978.

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