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Nanna's Button Tin

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A little girl needs a very special button. It must be just the right size and the perfect color to replace a missing eye on her beloved teddy bear. Grandma’s button tin is the place to look, and it is full of stories. Her grandmother tells her the story of each one. Nanna was wearing a green button the day she met Grandpa, an angel shaped one kept her safe when she was sick, and a yellow one was on the outfit she wore home from the hospital. At last they find just the right button and Nanna sews it on the bear.

This book is enchanting and brings back memories of button tins stashed in the sewing rooms of moms and grandmothers everywhere. These wonderful and crafty women saved the cookie, tea, or coffee tins to hold the buttons left over from hand sewn shirts or removed from articles of clothing patched too often to wear. The illustrations are perfect and charming. They are done in medium watercolor hues with lots of colors that effectively evoke the partially faded memories recalled with the various buttons. This is a great book for little ones and crafting mothers too!