

# GAIL GOODWIN

Gail Goodwin is a famous American artist who specializes in children's photography. Gail's parents moved to the United States from Europe before Gail was born. She was born in New York, but her parents moved to California when Gail was an infant. Her family was very creative and Gail quickly gained an appreciation for the art of the old masters. She took many art classes as a child. She recalls knowing at a very young age that when she grew up she wanted to be an artist!!



Gail enjoyed art classes of any kind! When she was in high school, her photography teacher came to class one day with a stack of old black and white photo prints and a box of oil paints. Gail discovered the art of hand-tinting photos and became instantly hooked!!



After studying art and photography at Northridge University, Gail refined her technical skills at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California. She then combined her two favorite mediums, oil painting and black and white photography to capture the timeless beauty and innocence of children.



*Little Romance © Gail Swoboda*



Gail loves to photograph children and has a passion for capturing the precious moments of childhood!!



Gail enjoys incorporating stylish props and accessories in her photography.



*Sweet Sunsatations*



*Best of Friends*

Gail believes the secret is “knowing in advance that something’s about to happen” and being able to capture that one special moment in time!



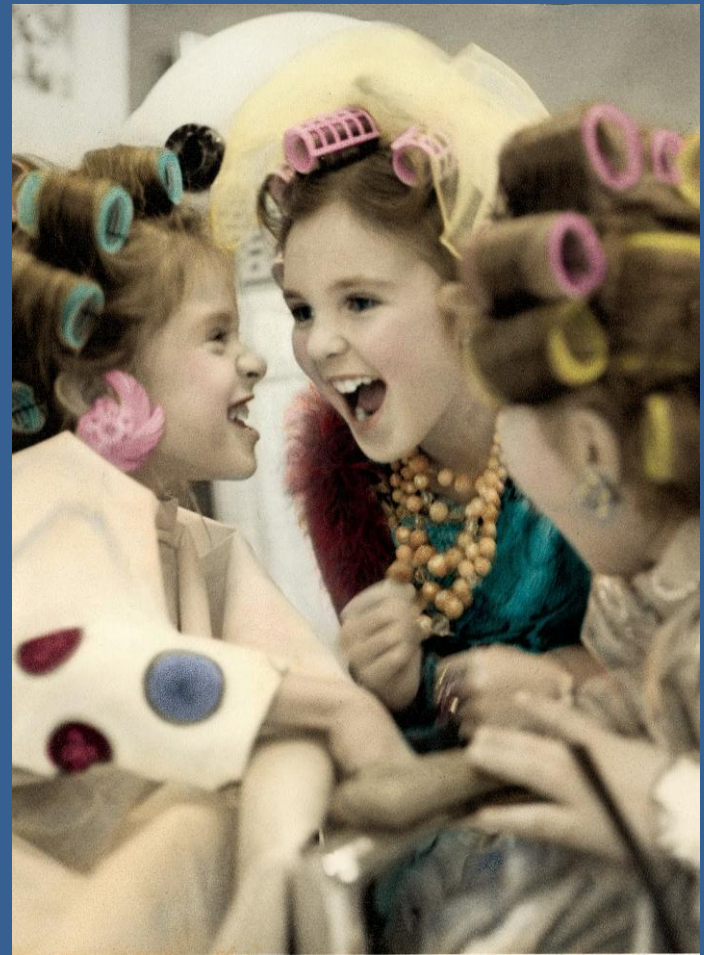
*Home Sweet Home*



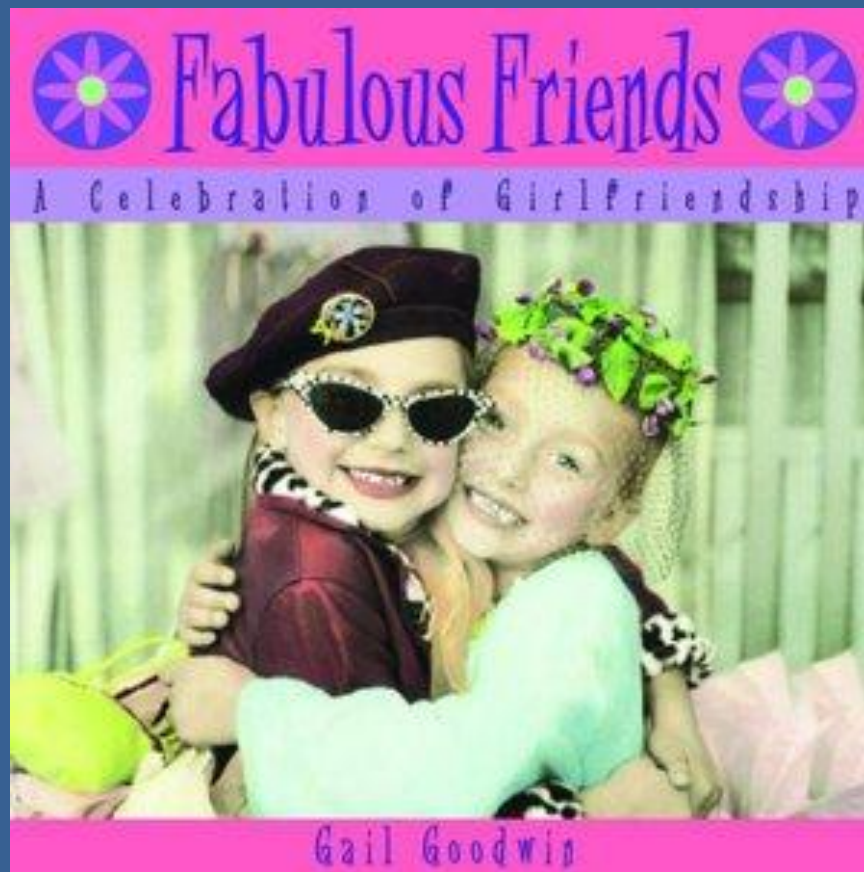
*Between Friends*



Gail is very creative in coming up with fun and unique settings for photographing children!



Since 1989, Gail's work has been recognized for its unique look and is now found on posters, cards, calendars, photo albums, notebooks, stationery and many other products.





# Art Awareness Project:

Before the day of the presentation, arrange with the classroom teacher to photograph all of the children individually using dress up clothes or a colorful prop such as a hat or a large flower, etc. Print each photograph in black and white onto an 8.5"x 11" piece of paper. Using oil pastel crayons, allow the children to "hand tint" various elements of their self-portrait. Depending on the time of the year of the presentation, these works of art can also be used to create holiday or Mother's Day cards, etc.