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**Gloria Nixon : Feedsack Secrets: Fashion from Hard Times** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Feedsack Secrets: Fashion from Hard Times:

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The poverty of the Depression and fabric shortages during World War II made feedsacks highly important to the quilter during the 1930s and 1940s. In Feedsack Secrets, quilt historian Gloria Nixon shares her research through tens of thousands of pages of old farm periodicals, magazines and newspapers as she explains the story of the patterned feed sack. There are fascinating tidbits along the way: Women met for sack-and-snack-club fabric swaps. There were restrictions on jacket lengths, hem depths and the sweep of a skirt. Feedsack prints and bags played a part in political contests, even accurately predicting that Truman would win the 1948 presidential election. One feed-company promotion was a contest for the best-dressed chicken. Nixon's Feedsack Secrets is a colorful, fun and fascinating ride through a great period of American fabric history.

About the AuthorGloria Nixon and her husband Roger live in the Flint Hills of rural Wabaunsee County, Kansas. They

enjoy attending local farm auctions where Roger searches for woodworking tools and Gloria keeps an eye open for a feedsack or two. That's how she found her first dress print bags some ten years ago. She also collects Kansas City Star patterns and old quilt ephemera. Gloria is a quilt history researcher who especially enjoys studying individuals and the contribution each made to quilt history. She is a member of the American Quilt Study Group (AQSG), the Iowa Illinois Quilt Study Group (IIQSG) and the Feedsack Memories discussion group. Her articles appear in Pieces of Time: A Quilt and Textile History Magazine. This is her first book with The Kansas City Star.