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Ultimate Doll Book



Synopsis

Annotated photographs capture the intricate workmanship and characteristics of the greatest dollmakers in the history of the craft and are complemented by analysis of costumes, accessories, and trademarks, advice on collecting, maintenance, and repair, and more.

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Customer Reviews

And she says: This is a good visual reference book, especially if you are a collector of dolls 100 years old (and older). The beautiful wood dolls on page 10 are from the late 1600's - I think a museum would have something like that, but not me. The book is divided into 11 chapters, based on the material the doll is made of, or unusual subject matter such as who they depict. The funniest page is called Patriotic Character Dolls, with all the photos depicting Political Figures (men) from 1890-1918. The text is somewhat sparse, but the photos are stunning. It seems that every page has color photos on it, making this a good buy for an "art book". As an amateur collector, I do not feel that the information in the book is adequate for me to identify a valuable antique from a reproduction. There are interesting suggestions for restoration, so this book would be a good addition to a museum curator's reference library if your museum has old dolls to display. This book is for adults, and its reading level is too advanced for children under 12.

Doll collectors and fans will find Caroline Goodfellow's Ultimate Doll Book to be a fine, colorful guide showcasing more than 400 dolls ranging from 18th century simple peg woodens, to 19th century

French fashion dolls, down through today's Barbie & Ken. Chapters are packed with color images and even more important, provide portraits of the dolls clothed and unclothed along with identification tips based on structural details. From rag dolls to baby dolls and national dolls, this is packed with insights.

I would consider this book a coffee table book. Why??...Because the photos are like the larger photos used in basic coffee table books. Nothing wrong with that, but this book just skims over the various doll categories. Thus, it is a basic doll book with lovely photos, & great for beginner doll collectors.

A very good book for Antique dolls. When I purchased it, I was collecting 1930-1959 dolls only. This book, while it is a limited overview of a great number of dolls, provided me with the interest to start collecting Antique dolls as well. If you choose to collect Antique dolls get the German and French doll books that show the markings. This is important to assure that a doll's head goes with the body. If you like a specific doll maker, eg Jumeau, Bru, Steiner, etc., be sure to purchase the book on that specific doll.

I collect vintage dolls and this book tells a lot of information about early antique dolls, vintage dolls, and modern dolls through the 1990's.

Beautiful book with wonderful pictures. You can really learn a lot about all the various types of dolls made. Great value too!

As all the "ultimate books" are, it is an excellent way to learn to identify antique dolls.

Purchased as a Christmas gift for a 10 year old girl and she loved it!!

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