

Synopsis

This book traces the history of doll's houses, looking at the furniture behind the facades of 35 grand mansions, elegant townhouses, and humble homes with pictures that lead readers from room to room, revealing exquisitely crafted interiors and their intricate furnishings: tapestry rugs, solid silver services, and hand-painted porcelain. Most houses are inhabited by a doll family, and sometimes their staff, all dressed in contemporary costume, to complete this study of domestic life over the last 350 years. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a wonderful, pictorial history of dollhouses over a span of 350 years. The full color photos are beautiful, some are breath taking, including a pull out in depth look at a 18th century Nostell Priory baby House. This is a well done book on the history of dollhouses from the 1600s to the present day of 1994, when the book was published. The book examines more than 35 houses from around the world to show interiors, furnishings, and the dolls that inhabit some of them. Some of the houses covered include: collectors' houses, shops, schools, and room sets, commercially made dolls' houses and unusual dollhouses'. I highly recommend this book as an addition to the miniaturist's bookshelf, whether you are a hobbyist, collector, or historian. This is a great voyage into the world of miniature homes.

Absolutely the most beautiful and educational book on the history of dollhouses...some of the

pictures are breathtaking!!! That is all I can say...besides fabulous!!!

I bought this book a bit skeptical that it could possibly be 'ultimate'. Flipping through it the first time I was taken aback by all the information. There are a ton of photos in this book and all of the photos have captions. That sounds like a small thing but in a book with so many photos captions are important. They were also very informative. The first time through this book I actually only looked at the photos and read the captions. And that still took a couple hours. This book just has a lot of information! I thought I was fairly informed about dollhouses but this book definitely taught me a lesson. Did you know that dollhouses didn't start as playthings? That surprised me as did several other historical facts. If you love dollhouses you'll love the bright and full color photos. If you like history you'll love all of the historical information associated with the dollhouses on each page. If you like both, you'll just love this book. I did.

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