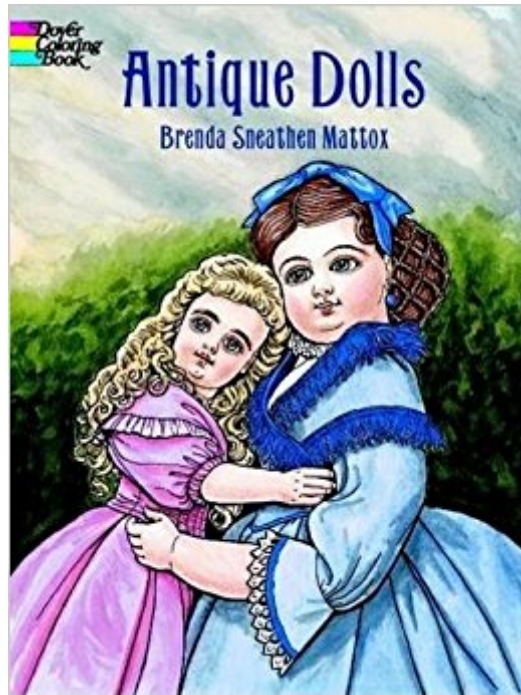




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# Antique Dolls (Dover Fashion Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

Generations ago, only a few youngsters were fortunate enough to play with the lovely dolls depicted in the pages of this coloring book. Today, these elegant dolls, created from a variety of materials and with engaging, hand-painted faces, have become highly valued antiques. Artist Brenda Sneathen Mattox has painstakingly re-created a rich selection of nineteenth-century dolls for today's youngsters (and the young at heart) to enjoy. Thirty full-page, ready-to-color illustrations present these rare dolls in authentic period costumes. Included are captivating Jumeau dolls with long, curly tresses; a Bru lady doll with a fashionable hat and high-necked dress, ca. 1870; a French fashion bride of the 1870s; a French walking doll with a feathered hat, ca. 1880; an engaging, wide-eyed bisque "googly"; a Simon and Halbig and a Kestner doll, both with long hair; a FranÃ§ois Gaultier-type doll in a stylish ensemble; and many more. Seven dolls are shown in full color on the covers. These beautifully drawn portraits of irresistible playthings • all identified in brief captions • will delight not only coloring book fans, but doll collectors and antique enthusiasts as well.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: 6 - 8

## Customer Reviews

I'm not typically a colorist, but couldn't resist this book due to the subject. Illustrator Brenda Sneathen Mattox did an excellent job with creating illustrations that look like real dolls rather than people, which I assume might have been challenging. I really like how she included crease details in the clothing, since those are helpful in determining where shading should go. There are such dolls as Jumeau, Bru, and Simon & Halbig. I would have liked to have seen perennial favorite Bleuette, but there are similar dolls included. The educational information is minimal, but it's a nice added touch that will make the book worth keeping. There's one notable negative, though! If you're coloring with colored pencils and doing shading by pressing hard, the black print on the opposing page works a bit like carbon paper and can ruin another picture. It helps to put a blank piece of paper between pages to protect the pictures from getting unwanted print on them. In the customer images section, I uploaded a colored page as an example.

While my favorite aunt was alive, her Christmas gift to her best friend was an antique dolls calendar. The friend being a collector. In my aunt's last years (she was 96 when she died), I got to hunt down the calendars. And I've continued the tradition now that my aunt is gone. When I saw the coloring book, I knew that my aunt's buddy (now 88) had to have it. She was delighted -- but swears that it's too "nice" to "spoil" by coloring. I'm going to buy two more for her to color -- a pair so that she can frame each hand-colored page and display it if she feels like it.

I really LOVE this book! There are no distracting backgrounds (but you can add your own) and it looks like it will work out great for markers. However, the paper may not hold up to markers, so I will copy the images I want to color (which is most or all of them) to marker paper. The images are printed on both sides (I did take off one star for that), which adds to the problem. But I copy all my images to my choice of paper, so it doesn't matter much to me. What I really like is that these images look like dolls, not children. This book is wonderful! There are no other books out there that compare to this one. I'm so happy to have found this!

So adorable! I am really enjoying this book. The only thing I would change is that I wouldn't have any grown up dolls unless they were in the picture with a child or baby doll. I prefer when I color dolls that they would be children or babies, but I still like this book. The pictures are on both sides of the page. This doesn't really bother me but I know it prevents some people from buying a book. This coloring book has thick enough pages that you barely see gel pens through to the other side. Although with any coloring book that has pictures on both sides they are probably not the best

choice to use.

I would have like this a lot better if all of the doll depictions showed them in their entirety, from head to foot. But they don't so I only gave it 4 stars. Many of the images are only partial depictions and some don't even look like 'dolls' at all, they look like drawings of actual children at play. I would have liked to have seen the doll's fashions in their entirety. Other than that, it's a pretty good book for coloring enthusiasts. The book itself is high quality, as all Dover publications are. Printed back-to-back on quality white stock paper. Markers bleed through, however, so unless you photocopy the designs, it's best to stick with colored pencils.

Pictures are kind of "blah" and a lot are just of the face ... some mistakes in the identification of the dolls as well.

gift for elderly neighbor, who has been a doll collector for decades. she loves it.

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