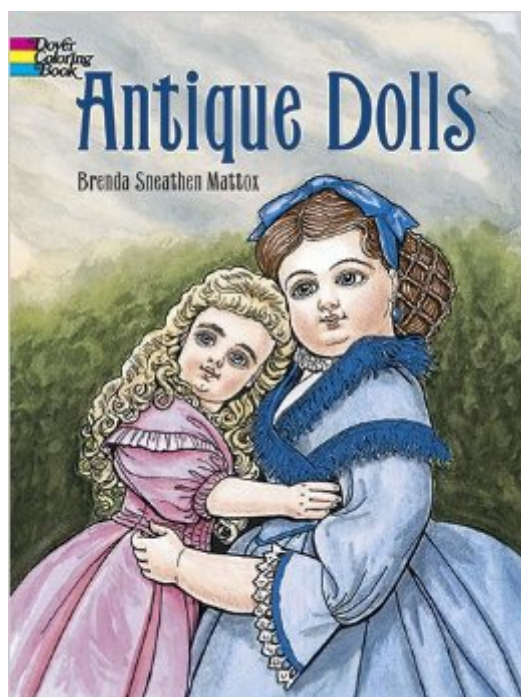


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# Antique Dolls (Dover Fashion Coloring Book)



## 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 Fran  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 â all identified in brief captions â 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.

I am 59 and have about 25 of these Dover Coloring books and really like all but 2 of them. (it is just a matter of what you like, though). When you buy these from , you get one free if you buy 3. I took the suggestion of several reviewers and bought a good set of colored pencils. I got regular and fine line. My daughter (also an adult) wanted to color some, too. I came up with the idea to copy them on my printer for her. Then I decided to copy all of them when I want to color. This way we can use the pictures over and over. It is nice to use a heavier printer paper. Be careful, we find it to be a very addicting past time!

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 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.

I gave this book five stars because of the excellent drawing and illustration. I loved bringing the pages to life with color. I collect dolls so this book was especially enjoyable to me. Great entertainment for so little money!

Bought these as a gift and the recipient was very pleased with this item. The pages as described and the book in general was very much liked by the person I gave it to. It looks to be very good quality. I would recommend this product.

My mom is now under hospice care for cancer. I bought several of the Dover coloring books for her use. She decided they required too much pencil control and she is often shaky due to her pain medication. So I have these books for my own use, and a high quality set of colored pencils. She has a great box of crayons and some coloring books from the dollar store! It is a very relaxing activity we can share together. I highly recommend Dover books!

My daughter and I love to colour these lovely Antique Dolls together. . .when we have a chance to. It is relaxing and soothing. It was just perfect for her to think about colour, skill, and a challenge also. She loves art, as well as I. Fabulous!

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