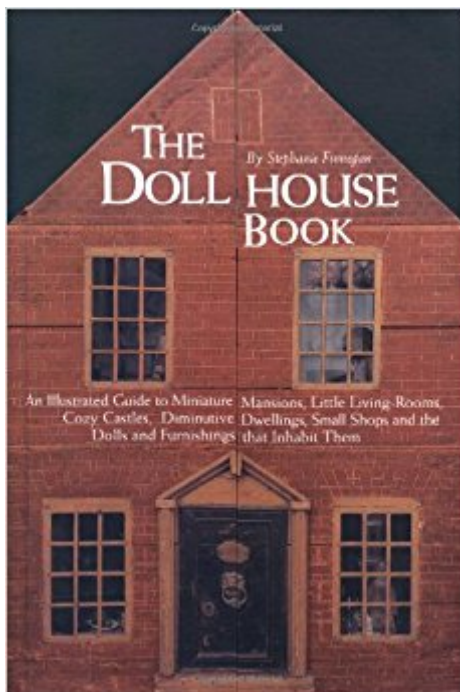


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# The Doll House Book



## Synopsis

The unique dimensions make this book a miniature dollhouse. The outside hard cover with the brick house opens in the center like many dollhouses to reveal the ornate interior of the book. On the pages inside, the hundreds of stunning pictures show every detail of the most amazing dollhouses from around the world. This striking package will be irresistible to collectors and dollhouse fanatics. Covering the gamut of historical periods and international designs, each two-page spread explores a select architectural style from a medieval castle to a space-age apartment. Examples of miniature businesses and stores from bakeries to butcher shops to corporate offices offer something for every type of doll house enthusiast, young and old. Photographs showcase both the exteriors, interiors and the dolls themselves. The book focuses on the life-like details that delight dollhouse devotees—from running faucets to cut marks on an inch-tall chopping block to leather-bound books with pages of flawlessly miniscule text. Descriptions of every house and all its hidden secrets accompany each spread.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Fascinating and Wonderful Creations, Accurate in Every Detail--Except They're Small For centuries, dollhouses have captivated children and grownups alike. The Dollhouse Book presents a gorgeous array of these homes, shops and castles, accurate in every detail except they're small. The dollhouse has evolved from its seventeenth-century origins as playthings for privileged youngsters into the stunning works of art that exist today. Here, Stephanie Finnegan, a lifelong doll devotee and

widely published dollhouse expert, takes us on an illustrated tour through history and around the globe to view firsthand the most celebrated and intriguing works from the greatest dollhouse designers. Selected from private collections and museums the world over, these fascinating creations come to life through hundreds of beautiful photographs, detailed description and insightful commentary examining the intricacies of every house. Running faucets that turn on and off, tables that show wear from years of family dinners, leather-bound books with pages of flawlessly miniscule text--all combine to create lifelike environments that spark the imaginations of young and old. Perhaps most striking are the period re-creations, miniature renderings that capture the essence of an age, like the Canal House and its vision of Dutch life circa 1760, the dollhouse of Caroline Stettheimer that embodies the spirit of Jazz Age New York, or the rooms of Narcissa Thorne, virtual snapshots from the scrapbook of European history. But more than just an exploration of the architectural styles of different countries and historical periods, *The Dollhouse Book* revels in the fun and the fanciful. Visit the dazzling Fairy Castle of Colleen Moore. Indulge in the playful glamour of a miniature Parisian discotheque. Take a rare peek at Shillmans--an elaborate homage to the grand department stores of old that remains hidden on the bookshelves of Washington, D.C. resident Elwood Gibson. From the White House in Miniature, to a corral from the Old West, to a re-creation of a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, *The Dollhouse Book* explores the big stories behind these small wonders.

Love this book. I bought it before I started redoing a doll house and found it very helpful. It is not only a great book for ideas, but it can put you right into the life/history of so many doll houses. I will not be passing this book on as I have with so many others, now that my project is done. This is a book that will be with me always. Would be a great gift for anyone that loves doll houses, even if they don't own one.

Well, now I feel so guilty....this book is worth many times the price! What a fantastic book and sooooo much fun!! I felt like a kid having to sit back, hold this large, delightful thing in my lap and use both hands to open the double doors. What a unique, traffic stopper of a coffee table book....no one will be able to resist the shape of it, with it's peaked top...just delightful. It must have been a real nightmare to cut and bind.Plenty of copy for hours of reading and photos to spend days studying.Plus there's even a section on dolls. An excellent gift idea and an extreme value.

So happy I ordered this book. Love it! Great photos, and info. Came in good condition, and in a

timely manner.

Shaped like you see it; the roof on a slant. Had given one to my daughters when they were little and started a search for it to give to grand daughters! They are real photos of different doll houses and their insides.

The design of this book is enticing as it is shaped like a house. As you open the front of the house to peek into the wonderful historical dollhouses from Europe and America displayed in clear, sharp color photographs, it is like you are entering into the tiny rooms so carefully arranged and maintained for centuries in some cases. The concise commentary puts them into historical perspective. My grandchildren love the book, they play with it as if it were a toy when they visit. Even my son took a long look and said "these dollhouses are truly works of art." It makes me think of Gulliver's Travels - it is a journey into strange and mysterious lands inhabited by tiny people. I keep it on my coffee table for everyone to enjoy. For those like me who are thinking of starting a dollhouse and interested in history and art it is both daunting and inspiring.

Such an amazing book! you'll be very surprised the creations you'll find within. (Spoiler alert: A recreation of the OJ Simpsons trial!! ^o^ )

Very cleverly composed with gorgeous pictures of intricate doll houses and their background stories. Love it so much that I may try my hand at creating a modest dollhouse of my own!

My mother's wish was to always have a dollhouse when she was a little girl. This book took her breath away, and brought tears to her eyes. She has thoroughly enjoyed it, and absolutely loves it. Wonderful illustrations, and a wealth of information on dollhouses. You can't go wrong with this book

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