



Books About Dolls

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Picture Books

Babushka's Doll by Patricia Polacco. Simon & Schuster, \$6.95. Natasha's Russian grandmother has a mischievous doll that comes to life.

Elisabeth by Claire Nivola. Farrar Straus & Giroux, \$16.00. A young Jewish girl is separated from her doll in her family's rush to flee pre-World War II Germany.

Elizabeti's Doll by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen. Lee & Low, \$15.95. In a small African village, a young girl learns to babysit by practicing with her unusual doll.

Little Oh by Laura Melmed. Lothrop, \$16.00. The travels of a Japanese origami doll end up leading her creator to a new family.

The Lonely Doll by Dare Wright. Houghton Mifflin, \$6.95. Told in photographs, the story of a doll who finds a home with two teddy bears in New York City.

The Paper Princess by Elisa Kleven. Puffin, \$5.99. The wind carries a paper doll from one adventure to the next.

Short Chapter Books

The Best-Loved Doll by Rebecca Caudill. Holt, \$6.95. Which doll should Betsy enter in a doll contest?

The Five Sisters by Margaret Mahy. Puffin, \$3.99. Joined by their hands, five paper dolls come to life one by one, as different people find and color them in. A gem of a story, with rich language and detail.

The Most Wonderful Doll in the World by Phyllis McGinley. Scholastic, \$3.95. Can any doll be as fantastic as Dulcy insists her lost doll was? An old-fashioned story with a funny twist.

The Night Crossing by Karen Ackerman. Knopf, \$4.50. Clara's two straw dolls conceal valuables when her Jewish family makes a dangerous escape from Austria during World War II.

The Raggedy Ann Stories and **The Raggedy Andy Stories** by Johnny Gruelle. Random House, \$10.95. Adventures abound for two mischievous rag dolls and their toy friends.

Novels

The Dolls' House by Rumer Godden. Puffin, \$4.99. Jealousies and friendships in the small world of a doll house.

Finding Walter by Ann Turner. Dell, \$4.50. Emily and Rose help a family of doll house dolls solve the mystery of their missing younger brother.

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field. Dell, \$4.99. Imagine all the adventures and different owners a doll could have during her long lifetime.

Magic Elizabeth by Norma Kassirer. Harper, \$4.95. Sally travels through time to the early 1900's to solve the mystery of a long-lost doll.

The Mennymys by Sylvia Waugh. Avon, \$4.50. The first in a series of novels about a life-sized family of rag dolls who have kept their identity a secret from the neighbors in their small English town.

Miss Hickory by Carolyn Bailey. Puffin, \$4.99. Long ago, children played with dolls made from such things as apple branches and hickory nuts.



Other Relevant Books

Picture Books

The Leaf Men by William Joyce. Harper, \$15.95. In this dreamy, offbeat story a little metal man, long lost in the garden, helps rouse an insect army to restore the rosebushes.

Nothing by Mick Inkpen. Orchard, \$14.95. A small cloth animal has been left behind in the attic for so long that he has forgotten his name, and even what type of being he is!

The Steadfast Tin Soldier by Hans Christian Andersen, retold by Tor Seidler with illustrations by Fred Marcellino. Harper, \$16.00. In this classic tale, a brave tin soldier is separated from the others, never to return again.

The Tub People by Pam Conrad. Harper, \$4.95. Wooden figures playing in the tub must beware of the dangers of the drain.

Short Novels

Paddle to the Sea by Holling C. Holling. Houghton Mifflin, \$7.95. The carved figure of an Indian in a canoe makes an incredible journey from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams. Doubleday, \$12.95. After years of being loved, a stuffed toy rabbit becomes real.

Novels

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop. Dell, \$5.50. A tiny silver knight and a magic medallion help to make a real boy small enough to enter a stone and wood model castle.

The Return of the Twelves by Pauline Clarke. This sophisticated, and unfortunately out-of-print, book is well worth trying to obtain from a library. Max finds twelve old wooden soldiers hidden in an attic. The children who at one time had owned them (the famous Bronte siblings) had used them in so many games and stories that the soldiers have the ability to actually come to life.



NOW AND THEN: Books About the 20th Century and the World in the Early 1900s

A Slice of Life: Picture Books

The Ballot Box Battle by Emily McCully. Random, \$5.95. Lizzie Stanton attempts to be the first woman to cast a vote in an 1880's skirmish in the battle for woman's suffrage.

Mailing May by Michael Tunnell. Greenwillow, \$16.00. In the days when travel was difficult and expensive, young May is sent parcel post, via the U. S. mail in the baggage section of a train, to visit her grandmother.

The Milkman's Boy by Donald Hall. Walker, \$15.95. Changes are coming to the lives of a turn-of-the-century dairy family.

My Great-Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston. Harper, \$5.95. A loving homage to an inspirational teacher. The illustrations in this book show subtle changes in school buildings, children's clothes and modes of transportation over the decades.

She's Wearing a Dead Bird On Her Head by Kathryn Lasky. Hyperion, \$5.95. A story about the two real women who began a crusade in 1896 to preserve wild birdlife. This is a light look at the founding of the Mass. Audubon Society.

Novels

Call Me Ruth by Marilyn Sachs. Morrow, \$4.95. The challenges to immigrants in 1908 NYC, and the struggles of tenement workers that led to early labor unions, are the background to this story of a mother and daughter from Russia.

Dreams in the Golden Country by Kathryn Lasky. Scholastic, \$9.95. Part of the Dear America diary series, this story of a Jewish immigrant girl in 1903 integrates many details about the various ethnic communities that thrived in New York City.

Honus And Me by Dan Gutman. Avon, \$4.99. There's a lot of history and old-fashioned values in this entertaining time travel fantasy involving the 1909 World Series, and Honus Wagner (his baseball card will become one of the most valuable of the 1990's).

Preacher's Boy by Katherine Paterson. Clarion, \$15.00. Small town Vermont life in 1899.

Quick Picks on the Millennium

The Kid's Guide to the Millennium by Ann Love and Jane Drake. Kid's Can Press, \$12.95.

The Millennium by Daniel Cohen. Simon & Schuster, \$3.99.

Information

Ghosts of the 20th Century by Cheryl Harness. Simon & Schuster, \$17.00. During a visit to a history museum, Josh is led back in time through the decades of the 20th century. Time-lines, maps and mini-biographies are included in this imaginative, heavily illustrated look at the last 100 years.

If You Lived 100 Years Ago by Ann McGovern. Scholastic, \$5.99. Questions and answers about what it was like to live 100 years ago.

19th Century Clothing by Bobbie Kalman. Crabtree, \$7.95. Part of a series that looks at everyday aspects of life during different time periods in American history.

Turn of the Century by Ellen Jackson. Charlesbridge, \$17.95. A day in the life of 11 different children, from New Year's Day in the year 1000, until January 1, 2000.

Welcome to Samantha's World - 1904. Pleasant Company, \$14.95. A look at the real world in the turn-of-the-century era in which the fictional Samantha series (**Meet Samantha** and others. Pleasant Company, \$5.95.) is set. Modern photos of artifacts (clothing, buildings, etc.) as well as historical photos are included.

The Official M& M's Book of the Millennium by Larry Brimmer. Charlesbridge, \$6.95.

The Story of Clocks and Calendars: Marking a Millennium by Betsy Maestro. Lothrop, \$16.00.

Turn of the Century by Ellen Jackson. Charlesbridge, \$17.95.



HERE AND THERE: Books About Communities and People Around the World

A Global View

All in a Day by Mitsumasa Anno. Penguin, \$5.99. Travel around the world for 24 hours, and see how day turning to night changes children's activities. Detailed information on time zones is included.

Children Just Like Me by B. & A. Kindersley. DK, \$19.95. Vivid photos of children and their surroundings, taken in countries all around the world. Also in this series: **Celebrations**, DK, \$19.95.

People by Peter Spier. Bantam, \$10.95. Spier's trademark detailed illustrations show the incredible variety of human existence. A classic picture book.

To Be a Kid by Maya Ajmera and John Ivanko. Charlesbridge, \$15.95. Kids are kids, wherever they live - and these lively photos prove it.

Stories and Folktales

Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes selected by Robert Wyndham. Putnam, \$7.95. Nursery rhymes and counting songs are found in all cultures. This elegant, scroll-like book, illustrated by Ed Young, introduces some simple poems from the Chinese oral tradition.

Everybody Bakes Bread and **Everybody Cooks Rice** each by Norah Dooley. Lerner, \$6.95. Carrie's search through the neighborhood for her brother takes her in and out of kitchens where food is being prepared in a multitude of multi-ethnic flavors.

How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina Friedman. Houghton, \$4.95. A daughter tells a humorous tale of her Japanese mother and American father attempting to learn about each others' dining customs.

My House Has Stars by Megan McDonald. Orchard, \$16.95. As children prepare for bed in different types of houses around the world, they are unified in the fact that they all look up at the same sky.

Nursery Tales Around the World by Judy Sierra. Clarion, \$19.95. Stories from a variety of countries are arranged in useful themes such as "victory of the smallest" and "run-away cookies," to help in comparing and contrasting folktales.

This Is the Way We Eat Our Lunch and **This Is the Way We Go to School** each by Edith Baer. Scholastic, \$14.95 and \$4.99. Children use a variety of means of transportation to get to school around the world, and eat a smorgasbord of food at lunchtime, too!

We Are a Rainbow by Nancy Tabor. Charlesbridge, \$6.95. Simple comparisons make the point that although children may live in far away places, they still have much in common.

Where We Live

Bridges Are to Cross by Philemon Sturges. Putnam, \$15.99. Well-known bridges from around the world, all created in intricate cut-paper illustrations by Giles Laroche.

Harvest Festivals Around the World by Judith Corwin. Silver Burdett, \$7.95. Cultural traditions, activities and recipes.

Hopscotch Around the World by Mary Lankford. Morrow, \$8.95. Instructions and diagrams of the many ways this popular game is played.

Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney. Random, \$6.99. A lively introduction to mapping, from the personal details of a child's room to the boundaries on a world map.

Talking Walls: The Stories Continue by Margy Knight. Tilbury, \$8.95. In this sequel to **Talking Walls**, "each wall has a story to tell, of the people that built it, and how it holds its community together or separates it."