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Enchanted Doll



Synopsis

More than mere playthings, Enchanted Dolls are elegantly sculpted and articulated works of art. Strikingly nude, engraved or adorned in opulent sculptural costumes of precious metals, gemstones, and rare found objects, each doll intricately conveys an aspect of our humanity. Unique and delicate, their forms evoke a strong emotional response, haunting us with their vulnerability. All at once innocent and sexual, Enchanted Dolls depict highly stylized images of femininity, while at the same time reflecting on life's playful naivet .

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Customer Reviews

I've admired Marina Bychkova's porcelain dolls for a decade, now, and was thrilled to finally have a compendium of her works in a fairly substantial volume. While I was tempted by her limited artist edition book available via her blog, I actually prefer the cover of this edition, and am quite happy with the much lower price. For those who cares about covers, know that my copy has the same doll in a different photograph with a grey stripe running vertically along the binding, not in the black frame as currently shown. I pre-ordered the book via , and it was released and shipped about three weeks later. I received it still in its shrink wrap, with many of the pages slightly stuck together (perhaps due to the ink not having dried completely before being wrapped so tightly in plastic; I carefully flipped through the book and pulled each page apart. The corners of the hardback cover were also slightly curled in. Nevertheless, this is a lovely book, with a ribbon bookmark and silver gilded pages the thickness of an index card. The endpapers are a papered with a lovely

silver-cream floral pattern, much in keeping with the aesthetic seen in Bychkova's designs. The book layout itself is very modern and clean, with large photographs and reproductions of sketches interspersed by blocks of text. The contents are laid out in chapters (though without a table of contents), in loose chronological order, beginning with Bychkova's childhood and fascination with paper dolls and ending with a gallery of her more modern works. Bychkova's is very articulate and uses words to create powerful feelings on the Enchanted Doll blog; she writes similarly poetically here. Overall, the book displays the same attention to detail and craftsmanship as she does in her dolls. Additionally I enjoy that intertwined with the beautiful imagery are her retrospective musings on her own beginnings, her craft, the nature of creativity and her own relationship to it.

OMG! I ordered this book because I love Ms. Bychkova's work. I was expecting a few nice pictures and some commentary. What I wasn't expecting was to receive a book which was in itself a work of art. This book is sturdy, with silver gilded pages and a ribbon bookmark. It's thick, with tons of beautiful color photos of the dolls and lovely commentary by the artist which makes you feel as if she's shared her life with you. I'm so impressed, Ms Bychkova, you're amazing. This has become my most favorite book on dolls.

I ran across Marina Bychkova's artistically done ball joint dolls on Pinterest a while back then I found this book and decided to get it. What I love about her work the most besides the subtle nudity is the beautiful outfits these dolls wear. The subject matter is risqué not just because of the nudity but because the actual subject she based some of the dolls on. Like the one based on necrophilia aka the disorder characterized by the sexual attraction to corpses. Or the one called surviving where she portrays the doll as a breast cancer survivor. Then there is the one that I like the least that she has labeled the wife where the doll is portrayed as a wife that has been abused by her husband. Dolls can be creepy sometimes. Though some of these are creepy pasta most of them are quite beautiful. She is a master of her craft.

What a beautiful book! Flawless. Every doll is a one of a kind creation, a feminine exorcism combined with poetry! I'm not into dolls but after visiting her blog I was hooked and the book is much cheaper than her creations. Buy in confidence.

Love this book! I follow enchanted doll on facebook and since the price of an actual doll is high I was happy to find out that this book is available! Beautiful pictures of a gorgeous dolls! Pictures

come with a story behind each doll creation and there is a chapter about the creator of the dolls Marina. Would recommend this book!

Finally got this book. It's well edited. But the quality of images is not high as I thought. Maybe I am too picky after working publish house for years. It's still good for keep of record of the artists' works.

Marina creates one of the most beautiful high-end dolls for collection, and her book is my constant inspiration. She has perfect exquisite detailing and unique style of faces and bodies. The book has beautiful pictures of the dolls and her own stories behind creation of each.

Ohhh my gosh, I don't even know where to begin with my praise of this book and creator of these dolls. The thing is, you don't have to even like dolls to appreciate this book. If you are an artist in any capacity, you will appreciate the dedication of this artist. The book itself is stunning, with silver edges and a ribbon page marker. The attention to the detail to Ms Bychkova's dolls is carried over to her book. Just lovely!

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