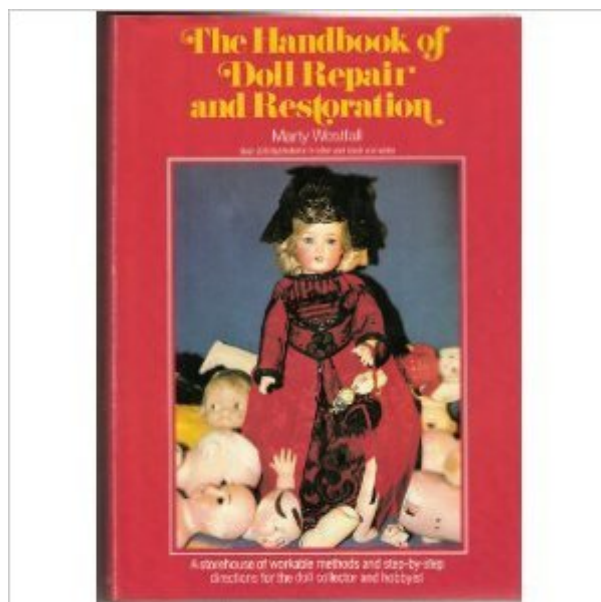


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The Handbook Of Doll Repair And Restoration



Synopsis

The first and only book on doll care and repair for collectors and antiques lovers. Step-by-step instructions provide doll owners with a simplified mastery of fool-proof methods for quick repair and touch-up jobs. 200 color and black-and-white illustrations and photos.

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Customer Reviews

I gave this book 4 stars because it is a good resource for what it actually covers, BUT it doesn't cover as broad a range of dolls as the editorial review and the one customer review titled "The Doll Repair Bible!" led me to believe. The editorial review said that the book would lead me through the procedure to restore my doll whether it "is a museum rarity, one of many common antique dolls, or a collectible." "The Doll Repair Bible!" review stated that "it covers dolls from antique to modern." Well, I feel that *collectible* and *modern* dolls include the plastic and vinyl dolls of the 50's and 60's such as the Madame Alexander dolls, Chatty Family, Saucy Walker, Patty Play Pal, Crissy, and others that so many doll lovers are collecting now. The only helpful thing in this book for these dolls was the section on sleep eyes. But I gave this book to my mother-in-law, who is into composition and porcelain dolls, and she was thrilled with it. So, it is good resource - just not as expansive as the previous reviews had led me to believe. I wanted add this information for consideration of those doll lovers whose focus is *collectible* dolls.

If you only buy one book on doll repair, it must be this one. It covers dolls from antique to modern, in laymens language. I have been repairing dolls for over 15 years, and learned almost everything

from this one book. It has good diagrams and takes you through each process step by step. I highly recommend.

I have to agree with the reviewer who said the book was not comprehensive. While this book is worthwhile to have in your collection if you have many porcelain/china pieces, it devotes 4 pages (of 275) to composition/wax dolls. This is hardly a "bible" of restoration.

A great disappointment to find this much touted bible had so little information on composition and hard plastics - dolls of the last 50 - 60 years.

Author is excellent on restoration of porcelain or bisque dolls. Very little information about composition & wax dolls. No information about plastic or vinyl dolls.

I first bought this book about 20 years ago. I wanted to learn how to restore old dolls because I could not afford to buy the perfect ones. This is a very good place to start if you want to learn doll repair. No book will have everything you want to know, but this one covers many important things like restringing, eyes, wigs, etc. I had to buy another one last year because I eventually wore out my first copy! A very good reference guide to doll repair and restoration.

I am new to the world of doll repair so got this book because of the reviews. It seems to be very comprehensive and gives a lot of hints on the types of products to use and why. I think this will be one of my primary reference books (if not THE primary one) for years to come. Even though it was published some time ago, the dolls it discusses are of the era I'm interested, so everything still applies. The only changes may be the introduction of new products since publication but a little online research should sort that out. The basic information and techniques are the same anyway, so I'm very pleased. Highly recommended!!

Full of useful and practical information on most all types and ages of dolls. I did find that there are a few places you have to hunt through a chapter about one type of Doll or Repair to find the info you need for another repair or type of doll. Like looking at a bisque doll section to find composition repair info.

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