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Barbie: VISUAL GUIDE TO THE ULTIMATE FASHION DOLL

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Synopsis

The ultimate dream book about the ultimate dream doll. Trace the history of Barbie from her beginning in 1959 through her meteoric rise in popularity during the "60s" to her place on the world stage as a jet-setting multicultural fashion icon. Beautifully illustrated, this book follows Barbie through five decades of changing styles. Special sections take a close look at Barbie’s friends, as well as her many accessories and how they changed to reflect the times. Specially-commissioned set designs are stunningly photographed and offer a wide variety of detailed scenes of Barbie’s fun-loving world. From the Swinging Sixties through the disco years and into the next millennium, Barbie epitomizes style and glamour.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

My 4 1/2 year-old just loves everything about Barbie. Although I am not a Barbie nut, I truly appreciated this book and highly recommend it for parents and children alike. I enjoyed this book particularly because it isn’t kitsch, nor is it over-the-top Barbie. It is easy to read and browse thru, even for my young daughter. The chapters make sense and give a good overview of all of the Barbie "periods", including all of the fancy, funky and frilly outfits. The layouts are great (dare I say intelligent), and the photos chronicle a good history of Barbie and friends. I took a walk down memory lane, finding some of the Barbies and Francines that I owned. This is the first Barbie book I’ve seen (and I’ve seen many) that shows the old "Barbie Country Camper" and the great 70’s puffy
plastic houses in all their glory. This is a must for anyone remotely interested in Barbie.

My kids like it. It’s got excellent layout, clear crisp pics, but isn’t comprehensive. Great to look through, and point to - look, I had that one when I was a kid..... (YOU were a KID?) I don't use it with my collection, but I am glad I bought it - it makes a pleasant just for fun.

This book is really nice, the pictures are gorgeous, and it has some index on Barbie dolls by year, also Barbie’s friends. Not so much on collectible dolls, but there are some dolls with gorgeous pics, some are different from the publish pics and a few are the same. Nice information for dolls and furniture. Great book! The cover is stunning!!!!

This beautiful book is a must-have for any girl who loves Barbies. It is a children's book and is a visual delight...not a dry guide for adult collectors. The pictures are crisp and labeled, as the other DK books are; "corduroy hat" and "red patent leather pumps," etc. A huge hit with my 9-year old niece.

I love this book. This is the neatest book in the world. It has almost every Barbie I have in there. My favorite Barbie was the Olympic P.J. I use it to help me surf on Ebay. If you like Barbies, get this book now!

My daughter loves this book, and we are on our 3rd copy because she has worn it out taking it on trips, in the car, etc. Her favorite part is the international dolls section, where she enjoys looking at national costumes from around the world. The layout and photos are very well-done, and it brings me back to my childhood as well!

It’s so useless for identifying barbies that I let my toddler play with it. There are some pretty pictures but nothing is in order or identified very clearly.

It is a really neat book to see barbie over the years. Unfortunately ours came badly banged up by the postal service. The seller was very curiuous & gave me a refund. The book content is really neat.

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