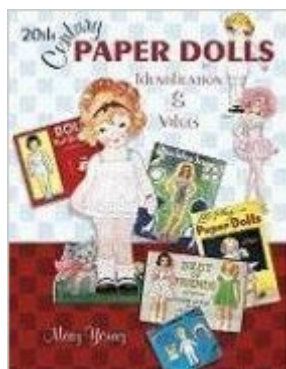


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# 20th Century Paper Dolls, Identification & Values



## Synopsis

Mary Young is well known for her numerous books on paper dolls that were published from the 1970s to 2000. She is back with an all-new title, *20th Century Paper Dolls*, now in full color and updated with more than 1,300 photographs. Arranged alphabetically by paper doll company, the book provides brief company histories, when known, and pertinent facts for every item shown. Approximately 150 companies are featured, including Sam Gabriel, Milton Bradley, Magic Wand, McLoughlin, Dennison, Parker Brothers, Warren Paper Products, Stecher Lithographic Company, American Colortype, Burton Playthings, Transogram Toy Company, and many more. All paper dolls are identified by company and number (if they have one) and are assigned current collector values. A handy index and paper doll checklists are also provided.

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This book, which retails for under \$20, amazingly consists of over 330 pages of pure content in full color. 20th century paper doll publishing was dominated by just a few large companies, but there were scores of smaller companies that contributed to an industry that is now sadly in retreat. Mary Young's book looks at these smaller companies, whose heyday was mostly in the earlier part of the century. It catalogs the output of the smaller companies and provides profuse all-color illustrations of the paper doll sets. Also, it often deliciously allows the user to peek inside the sets to see the paper dolls as both art and historical document. Countless sets are shown in this reference book, they are

named, assigned monetary values, and descriptive notes are often attached. The value to the collector is significant. The identification of orphaned dolls and even loose items of paper doll clothing, the kind that pop up out-of-place in large paper doll lots, is made possible. The only drawback to the book is that some of the pictures are blurry or are too dark. That is quibbling because a great number of the items depicted in the book are rare. It was a real privilege to get access to these wonderful old and fragile toys.

If you're a paper doll collector, antique dealer, childhood obsessive collector, then this book is for you! Comprehensive history, wonderful photos of paperdolls--some of which you will never find, but will dream of having. Good price, book in great used condition

Since I collect and sell vintage paper dolls, this book is exceedingly useful in identifying and organizing paper dolls and their many clothes and accessory items. It is also enjoyable just to thumb through the book and look at the various paper dolls. I organize the paper dolls and their pieces into acid-free page protectors and put the pages in notebooks by subject (magazine, babies vs. children vs. adults vs. Barbie vs. animals) and age (antique vs. vintage). This book goes a long way in helping with this organization.

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