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# The Collector's Encyclopedia Of Barbie Dolls And Collectibles



## **Synopsis**

312 pages of Barbie dolls and Barbie family dolls and clothes. I have identified many many outfits and particular Barbie dolls through this book, and it has an especially good picture index and Barbie doll index in the back of the book. It lists even misc. items. It's a must for a Barbie doll collector.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a must for anyone who collects vintage Barbies and related items. It contains information and prices from the first Barbie starting with 1957 to 1976. It has all marks from those times. Also, pictures with information each year, which dolls were released and what clothes they were wearing. They have a year by year section, with information on other Mattel dolls, Ken, Midge and other rare ones. This is the most informative Barbie book I've read.

I have a substantial collection of reference books about Barbie doll and her world, but I simply COULD NOT do without this book! It is the most complete, chronological breakdown of Barbie & family dolls and that I have found. This book, in combination with Marcie Melillo's "The Barbie Book", will help the beginner and even the advanced collector to identify just about any Barbie family doll from any early (60's & 70's, primarily) era. It even goes into detail about dolls offered in successive years, and the differences in their manufacture, so that, for one example, you can tell to WHICH year your specific Growin' Pretty Hair Francie, a doll offered over a few years in the early 70's, belongs. The text accompanying the many, many photos is succinct and easy to understand,

and while many photos are in black-and-white, there are quite a few pages of color photos as well, which detail much of Barbie's clothing across those early years. Well-executed, altogether. One might expect just such an excellent guide from Sibyl DeWein, who was a major player in the Barbie collectibles world until her death just a few years ago. I bought the book because she was a name of such renown & had written it (with a co-author/collector), and I was and am pleased to have it.

I do realize that this book was published in 1977, but it would have been nice to see the pictures in more color, 90% of the book is black and white the rest is a little bit of color. It would have been great if the whole book was color. There are some informative and good explanations of the earlier Barbie's but not all of them are covered, a lot of the Bubblecut's are missing and it would have been nice if they explained the body of the 1960's Barbie doll. Oh well it cost me \$6.80.

Mostly black & white pics. There were no great amount of outfits that you wouldn't find in other books so the Encyclopedia name is a little misleading. I would not recommend this to anyone looking for outfit searches.

Many many pictures of Barbie ( Vintage ) and her vintage friends. both white and AA. very great book. many pics and I highly recommend for the collector. love this since it is hardcover. in my opinion, one of the better collectors books. not great of a price guide. but as a reference guide. especially since its dated 1977.

I love this book! It's a little out-dated, but there is also a lot of good relevant information. The only thing I wish it covered more is vintage barbie clothing. Fortunately, doll reference (dot) com offers an array of comprehensive information about vintage barbie clothing. Some of the pictures are in black and white, but if you're mostly looking for an identification guide, this is your book. I really do enjoy this book every time I open it!

This was the first book of its kind, and still reigns supreme after 34 years. Many books with flashier photos have come and gone, but they've offered little in the way of new information, and many of them actually contain misinformation. This book, with its humble black-and-white photography, has the most comprehensive and complete information about Barbie dolls from the beginning in 1959 until 1976 when the book was published. It's not as good a resource for identifying Barbie fashions, for that you will need the three volumes of Sarah Sink Eames' Barbie Fashion books. The four

books together are really all you'll ever need as a Vintage/Mod/Malibu/SuperStar collector.

Just as described. Great item and seller. Great reference for Barbie and family. A lot of black and white pages but still great information.

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