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Join the creator of The Black Apple, Emily Martin, on a trip through her magical world of paper dolls, imaginary places, and clever craft projects.

Inside this book you'll find 21 sweet, mysterious characters with clothes and accessories all their own—from a busy beekeeper's daughter to a bird-loving librarian. You'll also find 16 dolls ready to be designed and brought to life by you! Emily will show you how to draw, paint, and personalize your way to a little paper replica of anyone you'd like.

With basic art supplies and the instructions in the book, you'll also learn to:

- Make a custom wedding invitation or holiday card
- Color, cut, paste, and frame a unique family portrait
- Design your own paper clothes, shoes, glasses, and the like
- Cut and fold an armoire for doll-sized clothes
- Build a paper theater using one of the TK illustrated backdrops
- Direct a stop-motion film with jointed paper doll actors
- *And so much more!*

So sharpen your scissors and get ready for a unique and wonderful adventure.

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Shan says

I was planning to buy this for myself as a Christmas treat, but then Joe beat me to it, because he is brilliant. I've been an admirer of Emily Martin's art for some time now, and I'm excited to discover my inner crafter (I hope she exists) and do some fun stuff with this book. Thanks, Joey!

Melki says

To answer my own question of a few weeks ago - YES! - they still make paper doll books, only they've gotten expensive and mighty artsy. This is a book I would have swooned over as a child. (If only they had made *Dark Shadows* paper dolls then. My perfect childhood would have been perfectly complete!)

Emily Martin is known mostly for her somewhat eerie paintings of children -
<http://www.emilywinfieldmartin.com/po....> They remind me, just a little of those Margaret Keane paintings from the sixties - <https://www.google.com/search?q=big+e....>
If you don't like Martin's work this book will probably hold little charm for you.

But I LOVE it!

Inside the covers you will find many dolls to choose from, all with brief bios. Jack works in a comic book shop. Violaine wonders why no one reads poetry anymore. Alice has been to Wonderland and also appears to be an albino. Boris is a bear who dislikes being dressed in "Lady-Bear" clothing. Hazel and Olive are conjoined twins. (YES! Conjoined twin paper dolls! I would have had a major squealie over this when I was ten.) There are also some "normal" boys and girls, grown-ups, a baby, a ghost, a hedgehog, and an onion-head. My favorite is the mysterious Tom, who likes trains, pocket watches and November, and dislikes falling down stairs, thieves, and potato eyes.

All dolls come with costumes varying from mermaid fins to nurses' uniforms, lumberjack attire and tattoo-revealing little red dresses. (Yeah, this is really NOT your grandmother's paper doll book.)

Also included are backdrops to pose your dolls against, a theater, an armoire, and "blanks" for creating your own paper dolls.

The artist promises "a paper world bundled up in the pages," and she delivers. She also urges you to actually cut and play with the dolls, as "beautiful things are made to be used."

As much as I'd like to see all these wonderful creatures forming a chorus line along my bookshelves, I think I'll leave the book intact.

Jen says

Quite possibly the most precious and wonderful crafty book out there right now.

I've been a fan of Emily and her Black Apple blog for a while and this book really brings her blog to life. The characters and dolls she's created (with adorable back stories and likes/dislikes) are beautiful and quirky. Every time I thought there possibly couldn't be any more stuff included in the book there was! Painted backdrops! Design your own doll! Pages of instructions and tips on how to use the book to its best advantage: making puppets & greeting cards & ornaments etc.

I would not call myself a paper doll enthusiast but Emily made me a believer. This book is awesome.

(And I've taken her tip by making color copies with my printer. There's no way I would cut into this book. It's too pretty.)

Kathleen says

darling, adorable book filled with beautiful paper dolls.

Lynda says

Beautiful modern art paper doll book.

Rachel Bridgeman says

This book is exquisite, too nice to cut up which indeed the author discusses in her introduction and offers ways to keep your book pristine and enjoy the dolls within. The first part is all about the dolls Ms Martin has invented, each with a snippet of backstory which any inquisitive child(or adult!) can run with. They are beautifully illustrated and printed on cardstock and there follows a set of clothes for each. The second part shows how to make a paper doll of yourself and your friends/family and how to design your own clothes. Also included are instructions on how to build a theatre, an armoire for the clothes and dolls you create and many useful tips on cutting/glueing/colouring in.

These are not the normal run of the mill dolls, these will be treasured items and the book itself is a pure delight from beginning to end.

Laura says

Be ready to be sucked in to the tiny, quirky world of Emily Winfield Martin. And for the record, I would like to make life-sized versions of most of the outfits for myself.

Lily says

I love paper dolls. She gives you the guide to make the coolest paper dolls ever. Frida is first on my list.

Molly says

Read it all the way through twice! can't bring myself to cut it up so I'm going to copy the dolls and clothes and show it to Lilli one of these rainy weekends.

KC says

This book will delight any parent, child, or teacher. A wonderful how-to on paper doll making that is filled with characters, sets, and figures. Makes for a great gift.

Daisy says

I want to be any doll in this book. So let's pretend I am. Here's my paper doll profile (a la Emily Martin):

Daisy would be happy to never get out of her pajamas on a rainy day. She had a great-great aunt who said you should never be without a pair of red shoes. She is not ticklish.

Likes: Fog; the sound of a spoon hitting the bottom of a full milkshake glass; fog.

Dislikes: Clapping; lost pets; slime.

Heather says

Love this artist. I Have three of her prints on my mantle right now! Can't wait till this arrives in the mail.

Update! Got this book and I love it. I can't wait to make the personalized portrait cards.

Nicole says

I love so very much! I bought it with my Christmas gift card from Barnes and Noble. Thanks Matty! i think i might buy a second for back up purposes.

Candice M (tinylibrarian) says

Reviewing for Young Adult Reviewers of Southern California

pea. says

it took me far to long to own a copy of this...
sharpening the scissors as i type
