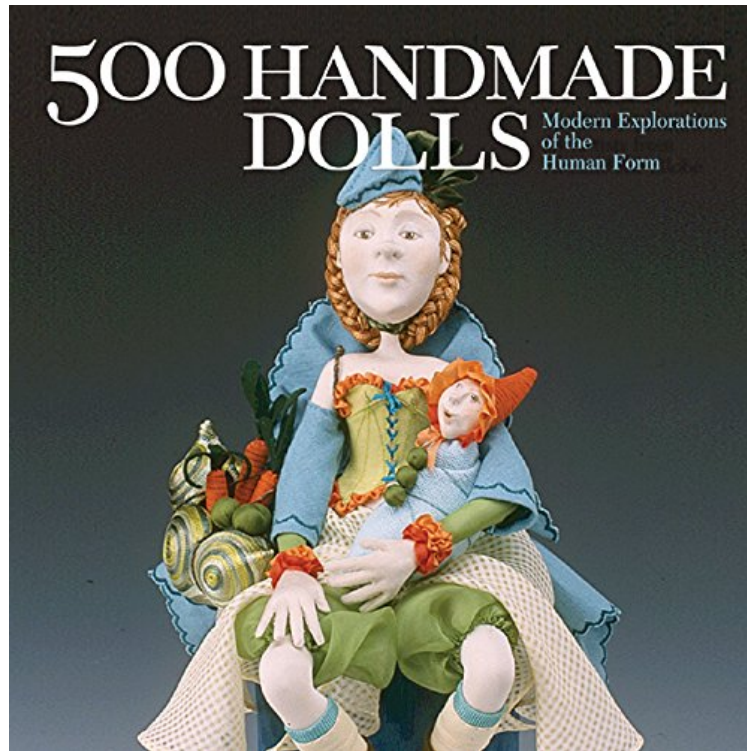


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artistic, folkloric, and eerie, expressing layers of meaning through both their symbolism and the sophisticated human expressions on their amazingly detailed faces. You will not believe the materials you start to recognize in these dolls: pinecones, chicken bones, scraps of cloth, beads. It's a dreamlike experience paging through this gorgeous book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A gorgeous, gorgeous book! By ScotDeerie Are you a doll-maker? if you are, you should have this book on your library shelf. 500 artists have contributed their dolls to inspire you. Study the dolls, drool over the photography, and, if you're like me, wonder why you didn't think of that first. It is a wonderful book. You really can't go wrong with ANY of the 500 (or 1000 or 400 or 300) series books. They are ALL well done and contain inspiration and thought-provoking images. Find the subject your interested in and buy the book. You won't be sorry.

Contemporary and unique, these handmade creations range from representational to abstract, from skillful realism to provocative surrealism and they're made from every conceivable material, including beads, gourds, and polymer clay. Juror Akira Blount, a pioneer in the art doll movement, incorporates vines, twigs, and carved wood in her fabric dolls; with their expressionless faces and closed eyes, they appear absorbed by inner worlds. Dutch artist Marlaine Verhelst's porcelain designs seem to have sprung straight from a medieval painting. Chris Chomick's strange and slightly scary figures feature amazing detail and elaborate costumes. Dollmakers, crafters, collectors, and anyone who loves beautiful objects will love the amazing diversity showcased here.