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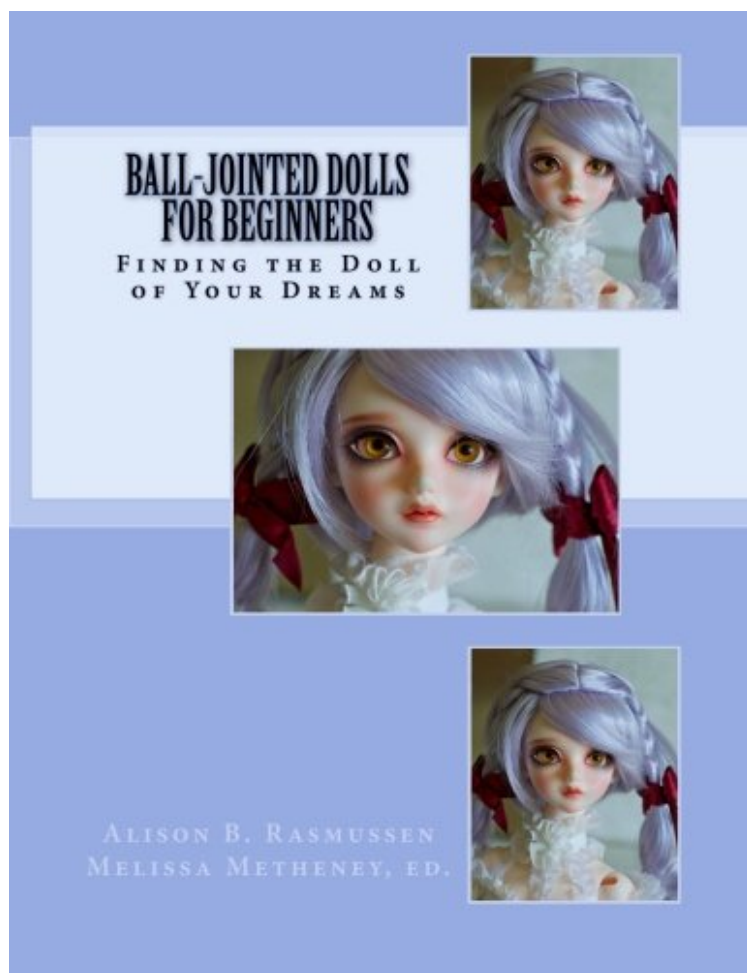
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Alison Boyd Rasmussen : Ball-Jointed Dolls for Beginners: Finding the Doll of Your Dreams before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Ball-Jointed Dolls for Beginners: Finding the Doll of Your Dreams*:

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. NOT Just for Beginners!By Nina MalischevI just ordered and received this book and spent a good two hours perusing it. Having been in "The Hobby" for almost five years now, I could hardly be considered a beginner, but I LOVED this book! If you collect Asian BJDs you know that there are very few books about them available, so the minute I found this book I ordered it hoping it would be worth the price. It is! It is a big, wonderful, full-color publication with lots of photographs of lovely Peak's Wood dolls (one of the few brands I don't own...hmmmm...might have to change that). When I stumbled onto Asian Ball-Jointed Dolls I knew literally nothing about them, and this is the book I wish I had had back then! It gives clear, well-written descriptions of how to do all the important stuff that is so scary when you first get one of these naked, bald, eyeless dolls, including

installing eyes and the thing that wigs newbies out the most- the dreaded RE-STRINGING! (actually not that hard, especially with this book nearby as a resource). The photos the author uses to illustrate her how-to-do section are excellent and would be extremely helpful for not only the new doll owner, but also for picking up hints and suggestions you may not have thought of. It also includes a handy guide to BJD Forum Etiquette, since much of the life of BJDs takes place in international online web forums. It is a great resource for doll companies, accessories, etc. AND it even includes a couple of free patterns. If you are a newbie to BJDs this book is a MUST for you! If you have been around for a few years, you will still enjoy reading the fun and entertaining text and looking at the gorgeous dolls. And if you have a friend or relative who collects these dolls, I can guarantee she or he would love to find it wrapped up under the Christmas tree!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This book is great. By Shannon I've been collecting Pullip dolls for years now. I have recently wanted to collect some of the more realistic BJDs. (Ball jointed dolls) This book is a MUST have for someone such as myself. I didn't know where to look and Alison said, "give me your hand you lost little soul... I will find you the perfect doll." She lists all manner of sites to look at, tells you how to care for your doll, all the lingo that is important to know and also how to not get caught up in a scam. After all, these are pretty pricey little works of art and where there is money to be stolen, there will be people gross enough to do it. The pictures in the book are fabulous. The only problem with this book is that now I'm more addicted than ever.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The BEST BJD info !By Suzie Probably the BEST book on the market for any information on this wonderful hobby. Resource info, sculpt info, care info, how to info.... its all here! Dont hesitate. Very user friendly too. Love it !

Founder and editor of The Fashion Doll Review, Alison Rasmussen guides you through the world of ball-jointed dolls. These gorgeous works of art have risen in popularity since their introduction in 1999. While information about BJDs is available on the web, the author puts everything together in a humorous and user-friendly way. The dolls featured in the photos are created by Peak's Woods in Korea. The company granted permission to use them as models. In this book, you will learn: the history of the ball-jointed doll commonly used terms and abbreviations how to plan for and purchase your first BJD that staying up all night thinking about a doll isn't abnormal budgeting tips advice on navigating the secondary market how to care for your doll, including restringing, sanding and sanding advanced techniques, including a sewing project, body blushing, and more how to get connected to the growing BJD community

About the Author Alison Rasmussen is the founding editor of The Fashion Doll . She is a happily married mother of four, residing in sunny southern California. In addition to her love of dolls and cats, she has an obsession with unusual hair colors.