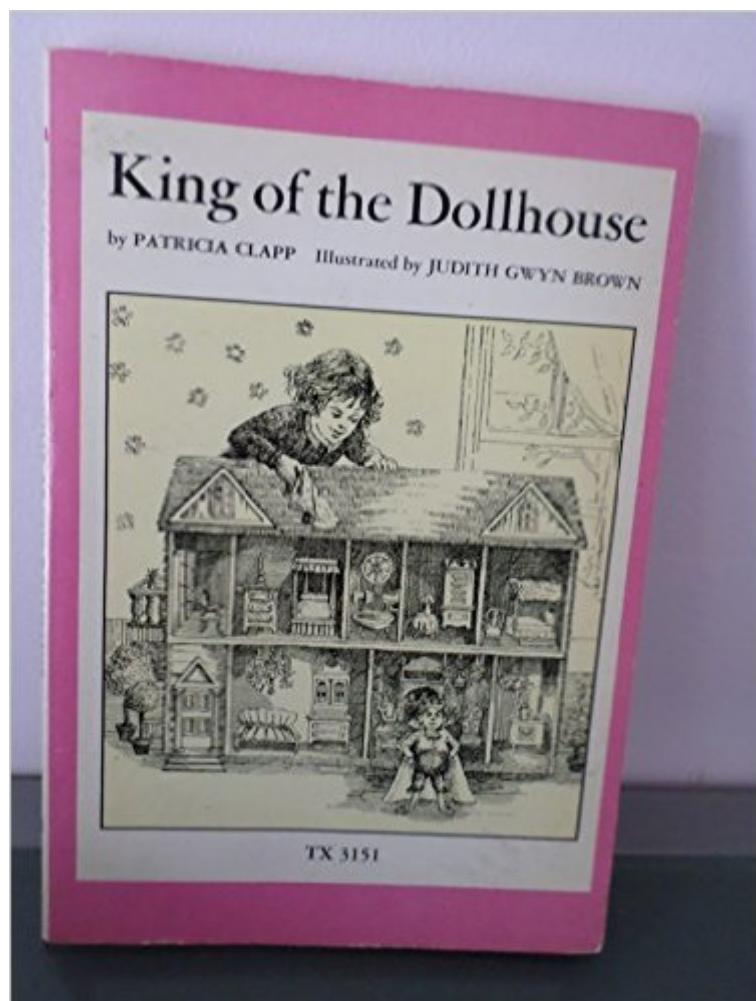


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King Of The Dollhouse



Synopsis

A miniature royal family moves into the dollhouse of an only child and keeps her company the summer her mother is writing a story for children. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a good start for beginners and for others, all ages. It tells the story of a little girl that has a dollhouse and she discovers that a miniature royal family has moved in. Full of fun and imagination opportunities. I recommend this book to everyone, I am in my twenties and still love it.

A friend and I were discussing books that we pick up over and over again throughout our lives and of course I thought of this one. I loved this book so much that my copy is falling apart at the seams. What a wonderful story, so descriptive, and so imaginative. I watched my dollhouse like a hawk for years. Anyone would love this story, my brother even loved it. I wish it were in print so I could get a copy for my god daughter.

Opening sentence: "Oh, drat!" said the tiniest voice in the world. "Ellie has a dollhouse in her room, but "The house seems real, and the dolls didn't, so I put them away." She awakens one morning to find new tenants, real ones. King Borra Borra, who stands about 6 inches high, has moved in with the 11 royal babies. The Queen is off on adventures, leaving the homebody King to care happily for the babies. Despite the Queen's wandering ways, the King and Queen have a wonderful relationship, and Ellie is delighted to provide the family's daily fare of peanut butter (for the babies), and raisins and cookies (for the royal couple). It isn't really a doll story, because these are living

beings, albeit tiny ones, and the King has some things to teach Ellie, not only about housekeeping ("I happen to enjoy housekeeping, and I like to see it done well") but also about friendship, change, and how to attend to the needs of others. This is an especially strong story for imaginative daughters, loving fathers, and liberated mothers.

I lived in this book as a child. I'm not sure how many times my Dad read this to me before I was old enough to read it for myself. Every little girl (or boy) with a dollhouse dreams of having someone living in it and having little friends. This is still one of my *happy books* and I can sit down and read it and feel my mood lighten. I wish this book wasn't out of print but was happy to get a very good used copy for my granddaughter.

This truly is a wonderful book. Although my son is only 19 months old, I am trying to locate a copy to someday share with him. He might not love it the way I have, but I will enjoy re-reading it with him!

I had a dollhouse as a kid and loved the idea of an actual tiny family moving in. In this story, Ellie actually had it happen. Suddenly a king and his huge brood of tiny babies were living in the house, and she has to figure out how to provide for him. Using her imagination and ingenuity to make sure the king and his kids have food to eat and facilities to use, she marvels at their small size and enjoys her time with them when she has to amuse herself. (Her mother's busy writing a book, and she has no siblings.) As a "what-if" child, I found the unanswered questions a bit bothersome, though. I loved that the king was having to raise his kids (though he was inept at it) while his queen was away doing who knows what (adventuring!), but . . . how the heck did they get so many babies the same age? Despite being tiny, the small people's anatomy appeared to be like anyone else's, so I found myself thinking . . . "did she lay eggs??" It also bothered me a lot that when they needed the queen to come back and care for sick babies, they decided that the way to bring her back would be to wish really hard that she would return. (I remember Ellie thinking "QUEEN" as loud as she could, which actually worked. Suddenly there was a tiny queen, riding a rat.) I didn't know how this worked since other than that the tiny people were not suggested to actually be telepathic or something. Overall the chapter-by-chapter format was very episodic and fun to read, and its whimsical impossibilities reminded me a bit of the Pippi Longstocking books. I thought the king was kind of a jerk because he was bossing Ellie around all the time even though she was a giant to him and didn't need to do his bidding just because he had a crown. The babies, though . . . they were so cute. Especially picturing them covered in peanut butter.

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