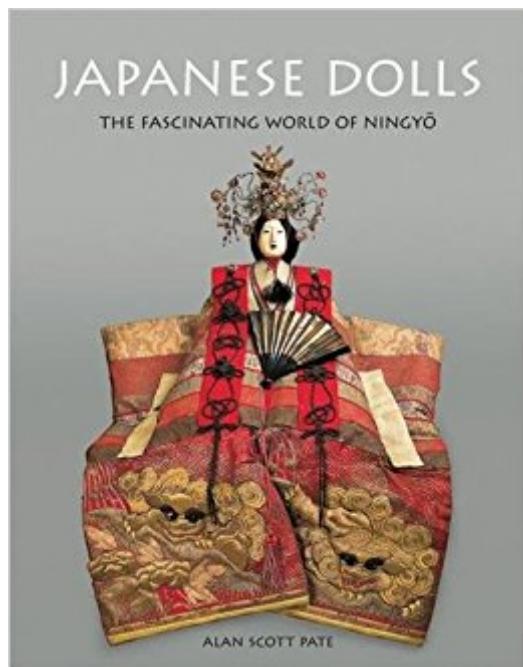


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# Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World Of Ningyo



## Synopsis

Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World of Ningyo, is a wealth of information for Japanese art collectors, Asian doll collectors and doll enthusiasts of all levels and interests. Full of beautiful photographs, the book details 18 kinds of widely collected, obtainable and affordable, antique and vintage dolls and figurines (ningyo). Author Alan Scott Pate "the leading American expert on Japanese dolls" writes in illuminating detail about the traditions of each type of doll and shares practical tips on how to collect this amazing Japanese art form. Included in this guide to Japanese ningyo are: Festival dolls: hina-ningyo, musha-ningyo, tableau dollsDisplay dolls: saga-ningyo, gosho-ningyo, isho-ningyo, iki-ningyoWood dolls: kamo-ningyo, nara-ningyo, kokeshi-ningyoClay dolls: fushimi-ningyo, hakata-ningyoMechanical dolls: karakuri-ningyo, kobe-ningyoTheatrical dolls: bunraku-ningyo, takeda-ningyoPlay dolls: ichimatsu-ningyo, keue saiko

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"Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World of Ningyo does an excellent job of illustrating all of the common types of Japanese dolls one might encounter both in Japan and in antique shops, as well as various kinds of dolls which are less common. Whether you are a collector yourself or simply a Japanese culture enthusiast, this book is sure to spark your curiosity. It's a book I'm immensely happy to have in my collection, and I know I will be referring to it often!" à "Haiku Girl blog

Alan Scott Pate was born in Florida and studied in France, Korea, and the United States. He has an

MA in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. He is the owner of Akanezumiya in St Ignatius, Montana, which specializes in religious and figural art of Japan from the Edo period and earlier. The leading expert on Japanese dolls in the US, he has curated exhibitions, lectured extensively on Japanese dolls, and published widely in journals focusing on Japanese antiques.

What a book! For those who want to learn about Japanese dolls, especially those collectors and those who may do appraisals or sell to the Japanese doll market, buy this book! The explanations are very good. And, the pictures are fantastic and show the detail extremely well. Enough said! Buy this book!

This is an amazing book, for specialists and non-specialists alike, although the non-specialists must have a high interest in dolls and some knowledge of Japanese culture to fully enjoy the book. Japanese dolls and the rituals they are associated with being within the scope of my own research, I must say I felt slightly jealous reading the book, because there were so many things I wish I had written first...

Alan Pate's second book on Japanese dolls gives the occidental reader a real understanding of the Japanese doll within the context of Japanese culture. The work would be cheap at 2X the price. The photographs are stunning and worth the price of admission. For the collector serious or casual this (and his earlier work, Ningyo) are all one needs. Most highly recommended.

Very handy to have on my reference shelf, especially when I came across a 19th century ningyo in a second-hand shop and the seller didn't know what it was (but I did!). Visually lush, very informative. Highly suggested if you work in the field of Japanese antiques and/or textiles, or just love beautifully crafted dolls.

Kudos to Alan Pate for granting collectors of Ningyo and Ichimatsu the opportunity to see and enjoy this treasured toy/collectible and for letting us have insight into the world of Japanese Art through this medium. I treasure this book along with his other publications.

Thirty years ago I bought two Japanese dolls from an antique dealer in the Northeast. I am excited to know that mine are late 1600 - early 1700 as were noted on my bill of sale. I found this book full of information and beautiful pictures. Now I want to collect more. Beautiful coffee table book as well

The book is beautiful, full of pictures of all kinds of Japanese dolls. I was especially interested in tsuchi ningyo. I appreciate the information since other books rarely mention tsuchi ningyo. I recommend this book to anyone interested in Japanese art and folk art.

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