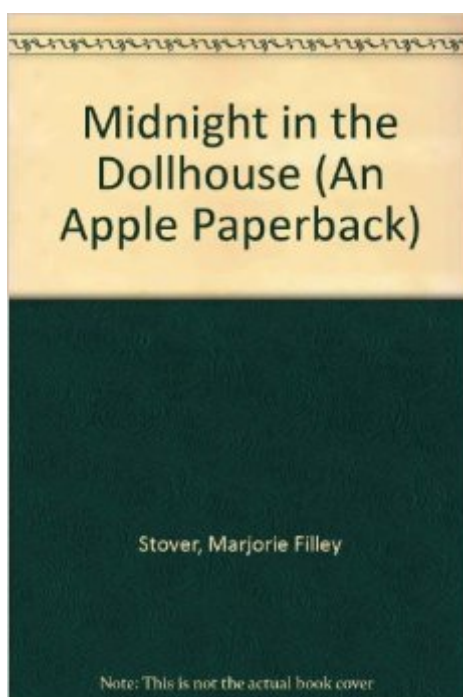


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# Midnight In The Dollhouse (Apple)



## Synopsis

A family of dolls--ones that walk and talk among themselves when humans are asleep--renews nine-year-old Melissa's interest in life when she faces four months on her back with a broken hip. "Stover captures . . . the ambiance of a warm, 19th-Century family story, and an element of fantasy."--School Library Journal.

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## Customer Reviews

I adore this book. My mother bought it for me when I was in Primary School and I still have it and read it often. Once I start reading it, I cant put it down and often read it twice in a row. It has such a delicious mystery to it, a search for treasure, a lost doll, living with a limp and the problems of sharing with irritating cousin Valerie, which drove me to distraction. The lovely description of the way of life in the North after the civil war is an education and sets a beautiful back ground to the story. I was enchanted by the wonderful family of dolls and would recommend it to anyone. It is definitely my favourite book!

Just after the Civil War, eight-year-old tomboy Melissa falls and breaks her hip, finding herself bedridden for four months. She's cross and at loose ends until her mother buys her a doll family and her beloved older brother Vance helps to build her a dollhouse. Melissa and the doll family - Sir Gregory, Lady Alice, Maribelle, and Tommy - have great adventures together, until Mama's favorite cousin Julia comes to visit with her stuck-up daughter Valerie. Valerie and her similarly stuck-up doll Gloria take over the dollhouse and make everyone's lives miserable. But Cousin Julia is in danger of

losing her home, the southern plantation Five Oaks, unless Melissa and Sir Gregory can figure out the secret of the treasure that may be hidden there. This is a wonderful book of imagination and innocence. All the characters, including those in the dollhouse, are individually well drawn, and the "Upstairs, Downstairs" tensions within and without the dollhouse cover themes of self-pity, jealousy, resilience, and imagination. This is also a very good picture of some of the issues that faced the country following the Civil War. Those of us who grew up not playing with dolls can see what we missed out on! After reading this book, I no longer consider stuffed animals "superior" to real dolls -- the kind that can send mental suggestions to little girls with the gift of hearing. Plan to read the sequel, "When the Dolls Awoke," to revisit the dollhouse 100 years later.

This is one of my all time favorite books. Im 18 and still pick up this book and read it when I feel the need to escape to an enchanting world. I've read this book so much its sadly lost its cover. It inspired me to start up my own heirloom dollhouse with its very own 'real' doll family . A GREAT book. The sequel "When the Dolls Woke" is also a treat to read.

This was an AMAZING book! The author pulls you in and you forget everything else. After I read this book about a girl who's dollhouse characters help her recover from an injury I started to play in my own dollhouse. Just last night I really felt like reading this book again. It is a beautifully written book with a captivating plot. This is a book that you should DEFINITELY read.

I love this book. It is one of my favourites 2nd only to the first book called "When the Dolls Woke" also by Marjorie Stover. I own 2 copies just so I'll be sure to have one for my daughter and one for my collection. It's a fanciful tale about the courage of a little girl and the loyalty of her dolls.

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