

# HOW TO HOLD A DOLL PEOPLE PARTY!

*An EVENT KIT for the Doll People series*



FEATURING THE RUNAWAY DOLLS, AN ALL-NEW ADVENTURE  
BY ANN M. MARTIN AND LAURA GODWIN, ILLUSTRATED BY BRIAN SELZNICK



## Dear Doll People Party Host:

Annabelle Doll stepped out of the pages of *The Doll People* and into the hearts of young readers as she made friends with Tiffany and rescued Auntie Sarah. In *The Meanest Doll in the World*, Annabelle and Tiffany ventured beyond the Palmer house and met Mean Mimi before arriving safely home.

In this newest Doll People adventure, *The Runaway Dolls*, Annabelle is convinced that the only sure way to save her newly discovered baby sister is to run away. Where Annabelle goes, Tiffany is sure to help, and the horizons of the smallest Doll People grow even more as they land in a mysterious and dangerous toy store. As always, Ann Martin and Laura Godwin have crafted a story filled with humor, emotion, and excitement, and Brian Selznick's illustrations add another miraculous dimension bringing the whole fantastical story to life.

Disney • Hyperion Books invites you to hold a Doll People party to celebrate the release of the final chapter in the series, *The Runaway Dolls*. Enclosed, you will find activities, reproducibles, and an event flyer. Best of all, you will find special *Runaway Dolls* bookmarks, so kids can continue to enjoy Tiffany and Annabelle's adventures long after the party is over!

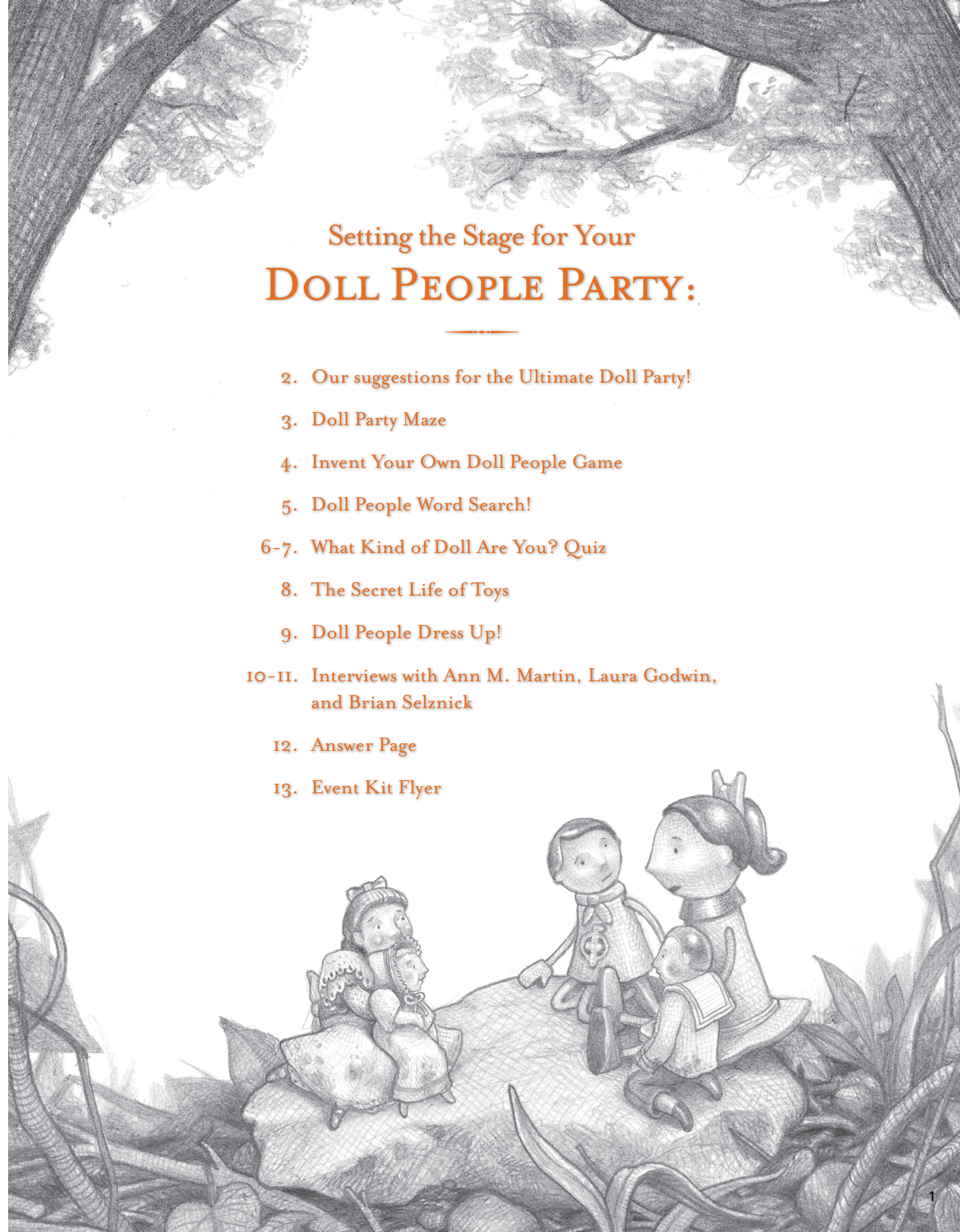
We hope you will enjoy the Doll People event kit!

Sincerely,

All of the dolls, big and small, at Disney • Hyperion Books

## Setting the Stage for Your DOLL PEOPLE PARTY:

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## OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ULTIMATE DOLL PARTY!

### 1) Make Name Tags

As your guests arrive, ask them to fill out a name tag. To make it more fun, invite them to create a Doll People name. They can become a member of the Doll or Funcraft family, or create their own Doll People name.

### 2) Doll People Tea Party

To make your Doll People party even more fun, make it a tea party! Invite your guests to bring their favorite dolls from home. Bring a tea set and serve tea/juice and a snack with your little guests as they, in turn, serve drinks and snacks to their dolls. Read a chapter of *The Runaway Dolls* to the entire audience.

### 3) Host a Baby Shower!

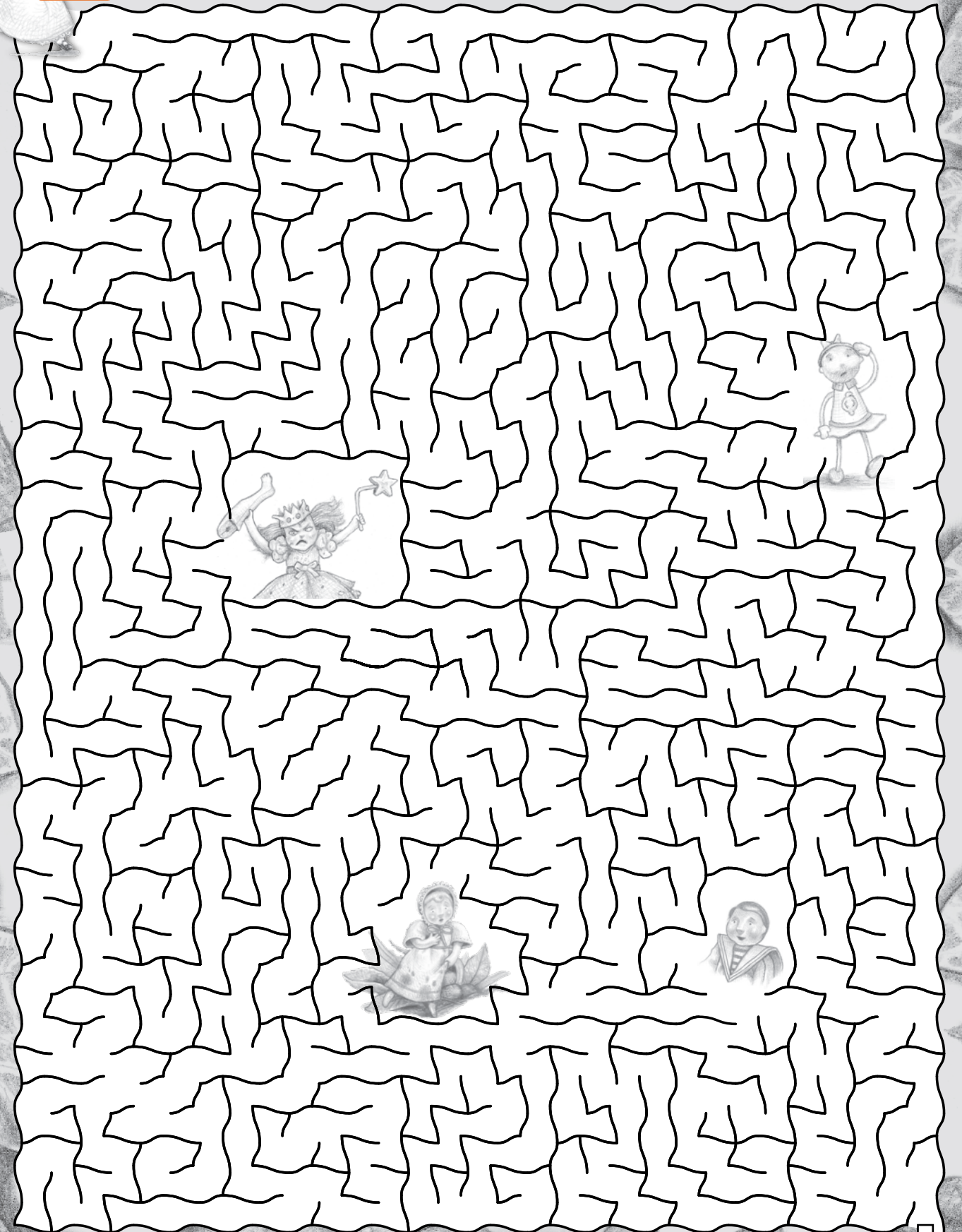
Annabelle's baby sister has arrived at last! Turn your Doll People party into a baby shower! To make it even more special, connect your party to a fund-raiser for a shelter or hospital for children in your community and invite your guests to bring dolls or action figures as gifts for the chosen organization.



## DOLL PARTY MAZE

Help Annabelle find her friends and make it out of the woods.

START



FINISH



# INVENT YOUR OWN DOLL PEOPLE GAME:

What if you had your very own toy store and got to create any game you could imagine?  
What would you call it? What would it look like? Draw a picture below and share it with  
your friends. Does your idea work? How do you play?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your game \_\_\_\_\_

# DOLL PEOPLE WORD SEARCH!

So many adventures and so many Dolls to discover! Find the members  
of all the families (Doll and human!) in this fun word search.

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The Doll Family  
Annabelle  
Bobby  
Mama  
Papa  
Uncle  
Aunt Sarah

Baby Betsy  
Tilly May  
Nanny  
The Funcraft Family  
Tiffany  
Bailey  
Mom

Dad  
Baby Britney  
The Palmer Family  
Kate  
Nora  
Grandma Katherine  
Gertrude

Captain  
William  
Clara  
Annie



# What Kind of Doll Are You?

Imagine yourself as a doll, then answer the following questions as honestly as you can.

**1)** You walk around a corner and encounter a spider. Do you:

- a) shriek and run away
- b) pretend it isn't there
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World!" and put the spider in your friend's hair
- d) none of the above

**2)** It's midnight. The humans have been asleep for hours. You're enjoying a carefree evening in your dollhouse when suddenly the overhead light is switched on. Do you:

- a) freeze in place
- b) sneak out of the dollhouse to see what's going on
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World! Turn out that light!"
- d) none of the above

**3)** When you're taking the Doll Code of Honor, do you privately think:

- a) "I love rules. I will always follow them."
- b) "Wahoo! I'm alive."
- c) "I'm the Boss of the World! Rules don't apply to me!"
- d) none of the above

**4)** Your owner gets a new doll. You've just started talking to the doll when you realize she's Aloha Barbie and hasn't taken the oath. Do you:

- a) politely end the conversation
- b) blurt out, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii."
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World, and you never will be!"
- d) none of the above

**5)** The humans have gone away for two weeks and you've just discovered that the cat door is wide open. Do you:

- a) peer cautiously through and appreciate the fact that you're inside
- b) yell, "Wahoo, I'm free!" and rush outside
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World! All that lies before me is mine and mine alone!"
- d) none of the above

# Take the personality quiz!

**6)** You've just gone into Doll State. Do you lie there thinking:

- a) "This is what I deserve. I've learned my lesson."
- b) "This is so unfair. I can't believe I got caught."
- c) "I'm the Boss of the World! When this is over I'm going to change the rules!"
- d) none of the above

**7)** You've accidentally gotten trapped in a packed suitcase. Do you:

- a) panic
- b) wonder excitedly where you might be going
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World! Now get me out of here!"
- d) none of the above

**8)** You're for sale in a toy store. Do you:

- a) worry about who will take you home
- b) hope your new owner will have lots of other dolls for you to play with
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World, and the price on my tag is way too cheap!"
- d) none of the above

**9)** Your owner is painting your hair green. Do you:

- a) lie there quietly
- b) silently think, "You missed a spot."
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World!" and try to bite the human's finger
- d) none of the above

**10)** You're exploring an attic when you become tangled in a giant cobweb. Do you:

- a) worry that you'll be trapped forever
- b) try to make friends with the spider
- c) scream, "I'm the Boss of the World. This web better be spun from pure silk!"
- d) none of the above



## SCORING:

Count up your answers. If you have:

6 or more a's..... You're Annabelle Doll through and through.

6 or more b's..... You're a Tiffany wannabe.

6 or more c's..... You're Mean Mimi. Watch out, everybody!

6 or more d's..... You're no doll!

5 a's and 5 b's ..... You're Tiffanabelle.

5 b's and 5 c's..... You're Meaniffany.

5 a's and 5 c's..... You're Meanabelle.

Any other combination and you're completely unpredictable!





# THE SECRET LIFE OF TOYS

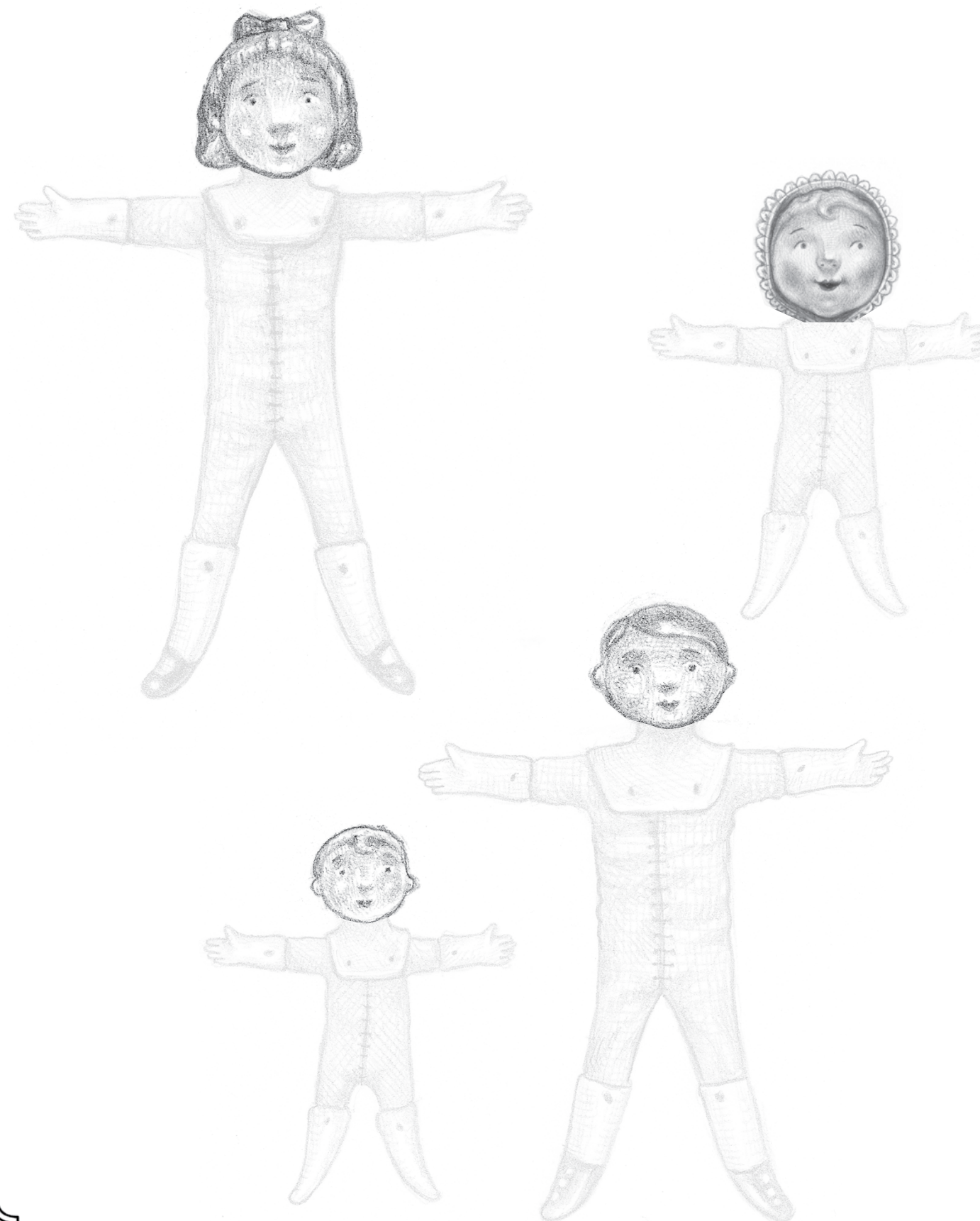
What do you think your toys do when you're not around? Throw parties, host barbeques, play games?

*Write a story about what your favorite toy does when you are not at home.*



# DOLL PEOPLE DRESS UP!

Your favorite dolls need clothes to wear before they can go on their adventures.  
Draw a special outfit to help them get ready!





## INTERVIEWS WITH ANN M. MARTIN, LAURA GODWIN, AND BRIAN SELZNICK

The creation of the Doll People books is a unique and intriguing process. Find out more in these interviews and use them to help promote your event on your website and in your newsletter.

### A CONVERSATION WITH ANN M. MARTIN AND LAURA GODWIN

*What part did you play in the creation of the Doll People books?*

**AM:** Laura Godwin and I co-wrote the books. We came up with the ideas and plots together, then Laura wrote detailed outlines and I wrote the manuscripts based on her outlines. After that we passed the manuscripts back and forth until we were satisfied with the stories.

*What do you enjoy most about being part of this unique collaboration?*

**AM:** Most authors are used to working alone. I love collaborating because I find working as a team very energizing. Both Laura and Brian have wonderful senses of humor, so our projects are a lot of fun. And every time I collaborate I learn something—about writing, about plotting, about characterization—from the person or people with whom I'm collaborating. Working with Laura has opened up the world of fantasy writing to me, and working with Brian has helped me to become a more "visual" writer.

**LG:** It is a great privilege to work with both Ann and Brian. At this point in the series, we know each other and the characters really well, so it's especially fun for me and Ann to imagine how Brian might draw something that we're writing about—or even



how we might change something to make it more fun for him to draw. And I like surprising Ann with a particularly strange or funny character or plot twist. It's unusual to get instant feedback while you're writing, but that's been a unique feature of this series: Each one of us influences

the others, and because of that, the story has twists and turns and characters that it might not have otherwise.

*What is your favorite moment and/or character in the series and why?*

**AM:** I have the most fun writing about the incredibly unusual characters Laura comes up with. For instance, the Cut-Outs in *The Meanest Doll in the World* and the Shut-Ins in *The Runaway Dolls*. I love giving "voices" to these unique characters.

**LG:** I still love the scene where Uncle Doll moves to the Barbie Camper, because it makes me laugh; it's kind of sad and sweet and silly all at the same time.

*Did you ever run away from home as a child? If so, why? If not, did you ever think about it?*

**AM:** I never ran away from home myself, but I once encouraged my sister to do so—and she did, although she didn't go very far. And she was well-equipped by me with food and clothing. I think we both knew we were playing.

**LG:** I did, but it was for such a short time that no one noticed I was gone.

### A CONVERSATION WITH BRIAN SELZNICK

*What part did you play in the creation of the Doll People books?*

The story and the characters are the invention of Ann and Laura, but I always get to read the manuscripts before the writing is completed. I usually do drawings based on the preliminary outline, and I imagine what the characters might look like even before there is much description of the dolls. These sketches are then shown to Ann and Laura, and if they like them, they often incorporate what I've drawn into their text. In that way the writing affects the drawings and the drawings affect the writing. It's a very fun collaboration.

*What do you enjoy most about being part of this unique collaboration?*

I always love reading the new outline for each book, where I discover all the fun new ideas that Ann and Laura have come up with for each adventure. I love doing research at toy stores and museums and with old books to design the new characters the writers have invented. I love building the new dolls (I always make the dolls once the designs have been approved. I sew the outfits, sculpt the faces, etc.), and I love working with the amazing designers Christine Kettner and Eileen Gilshian to make sure that all the drawings fit perfectly into the text of the story. I guess I enjoy all the parts of this collaboration.



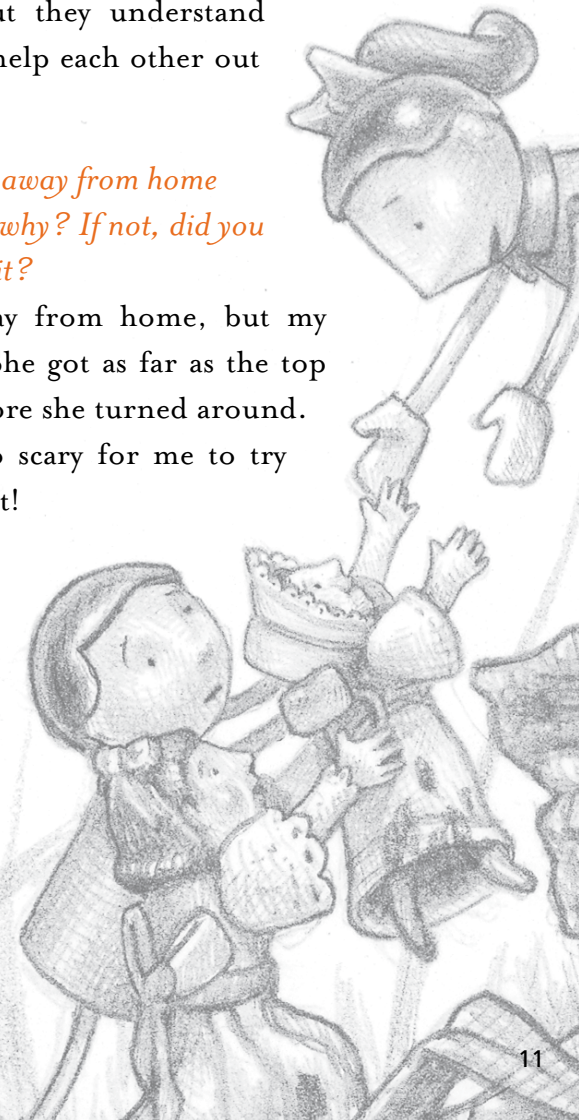
*What is your favorite moment and/or character in the series and why?*

Mean Mimi is always fun to draw, just because she's so horrible. I'm glad she makes a cameo appearance in the newest book. I also always have fun drawing Uncle Doll, because he's so scared all the time. But my favorites are probably Annabelle and Tiffany. I like how different they are, yet they are best friends and they work together to solve

their problems. They fight a lot, just like real friends, but they understand each other and help each other out in the end.

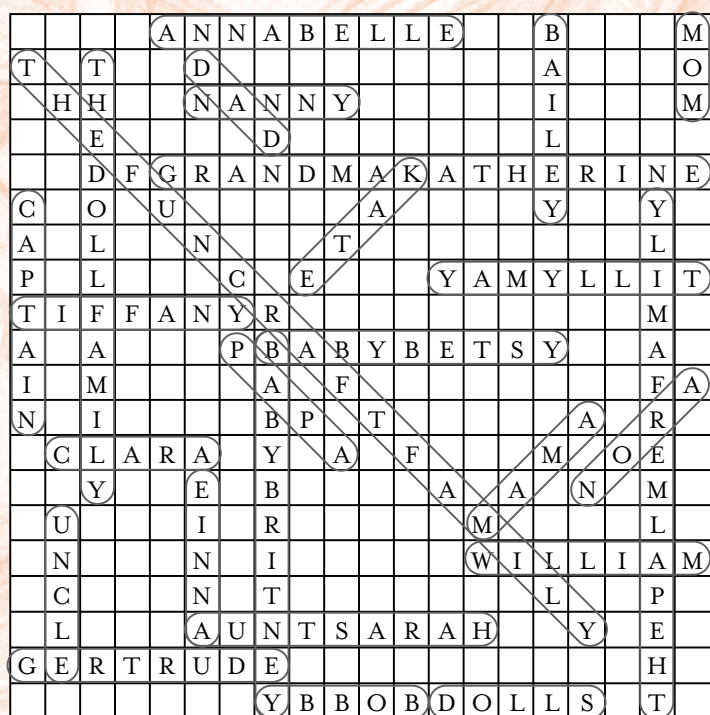
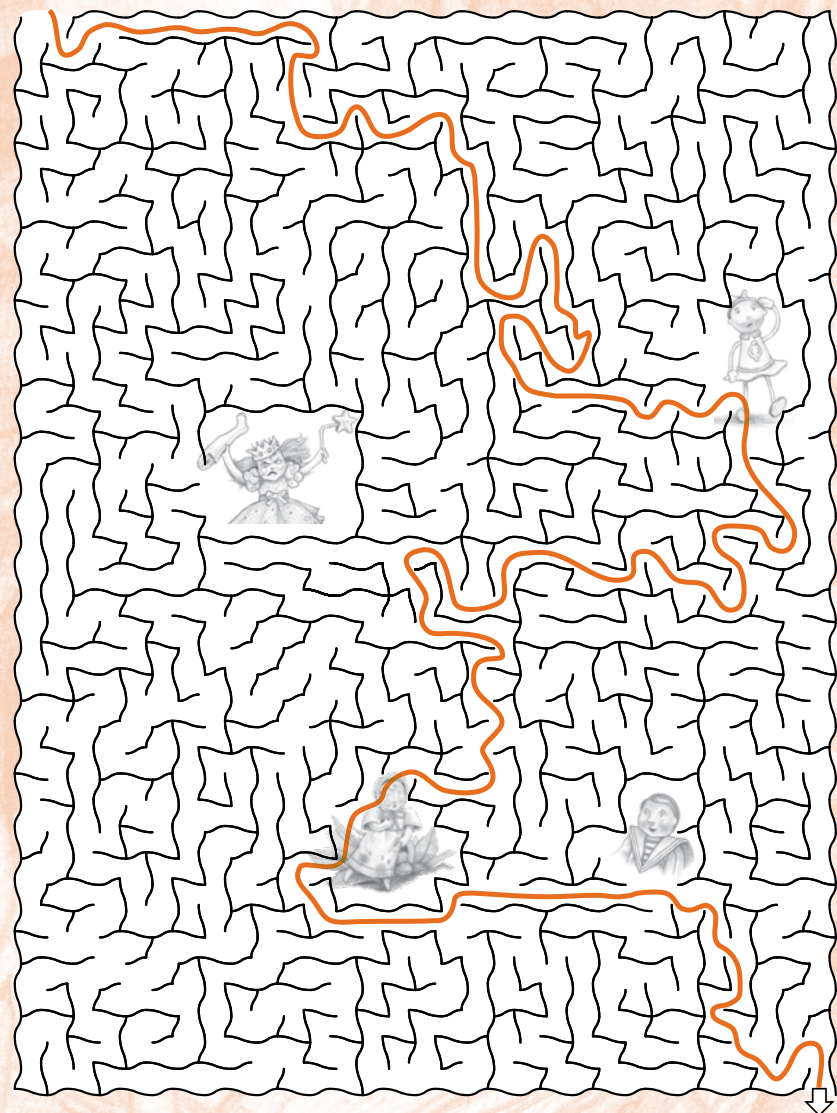
*Did you ever run away from home as a child? If so, why? If not, did you ever think about it?*

I never ran away from home, but my sister tried to. She got as far as the top of the block before she turned around. It was much too scary for me to try anything like that!





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PARTY  
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A party for the Doll People series,  
featuring the newest book!



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# THE DOLL PEOPLE SERIES

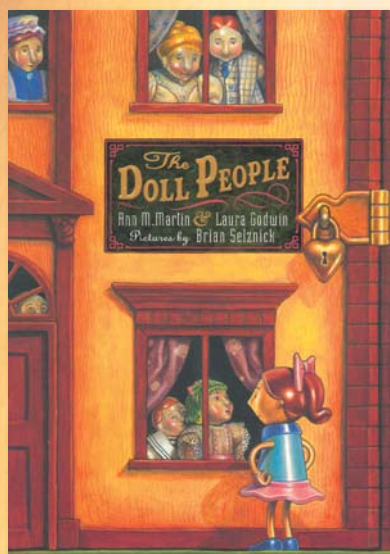
Ann M. Martin is the author of many books for young readers, including *A Corner of the Universe*, *Belle Teale*, and *Leo the Magnificat*. She is also the coauthor, with Paula Danziger, of *P.S. Longer Letter Later* and *Snail Mail No More*. She makes her home in upstate New York.

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Her latest book for Disney • Hyperion Books is *This Is the Firefighter*, due out in March 2009.

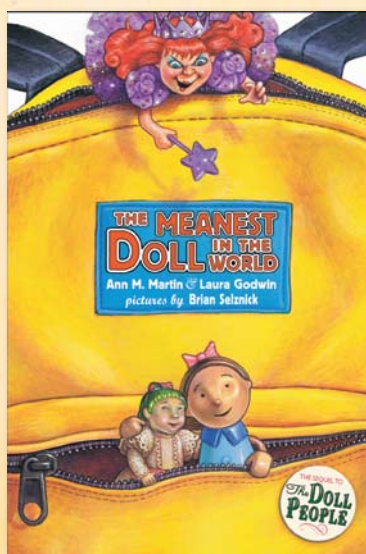
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