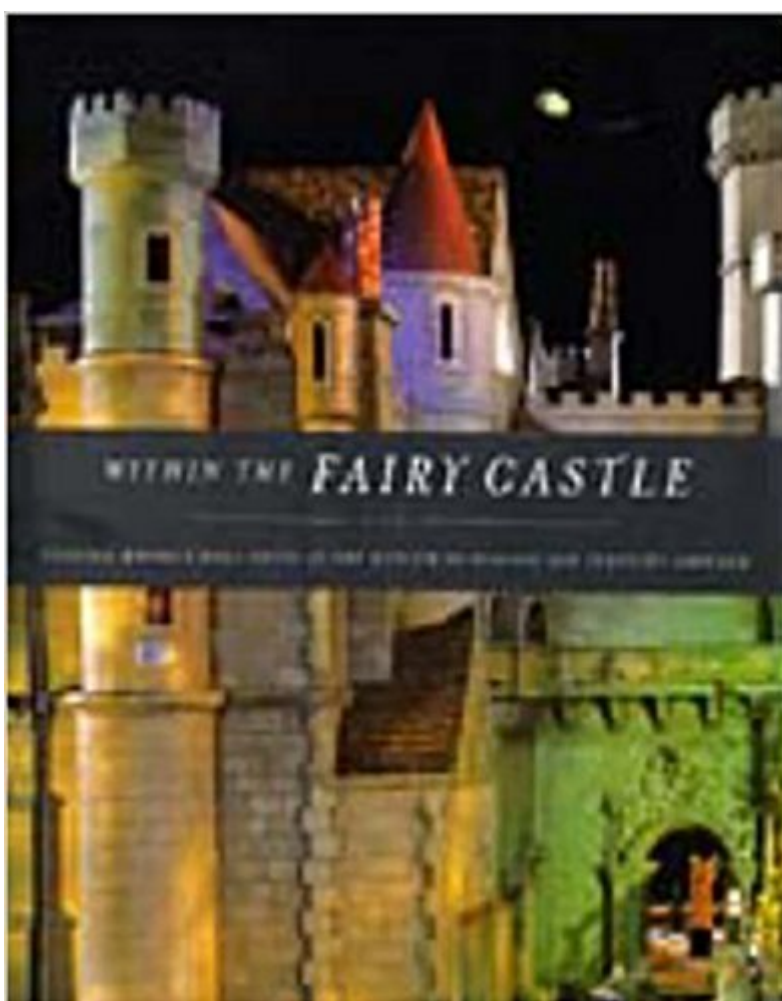


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# Within The Fairy Castle: Colleen Moore's Doll House At The Museum Of Science And Industry, Chicago



## Synopsis

This renowned doll house, conceived as a fairy castle, is one of the most beloved permanent displays at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. A gift to the museum from Colleen Moore, star of the silent-film era and the original "flapper," the Fairy Castle has appealed to the imaginations of thousands of children since 1949. The minute and precious detail of this cherished residence of Moore's imaginary fairy prince and princess has been captured in color photography, giving the reader a close-up tour of the nine-foot-square and twelve-foot-high castle's rooms and their treasures. We enter the miniature palace of make-believe through the Magic Garden, with its working fountain and weeping willow tree that cries "real tears"; travel through the Library of diminutive books, with contributions from F. Scott Fitzgerald, Willa Cather, and others; move on to the Great Hall, with its tiny paintings, dainty chandeliers made of diamonds and emeralds, Cinderella's glass slippers, and more; and explore the castle's wonders from top to bottom.

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## Customer Reviews

The Castle is housed in the Museum Of Science and Industry in Chicago and receives over 2,000,000 visitors per annum.

I was born the year Colleen Moore took her Fairy Castle, or, Doll House, on a charity tour to Salt Lake City, Utah (1936). My mother named me after this famous movie star and met her on the Salt Lake tour. Mother purchased her book, "The Enchanted Castle", for the large sum of

\$1.00.(Publishers price was 25 cents.) It is autographed on the front page in Colleen's beautiful script-style handwriting, "For Colleen ..... on her birthday With all good wishes from Colleen Moore." I recently purchased the book from , "Colleen Moore's Doll House" which she wrote telling the history of the creation of her castle. I enjoyed the book very much but was a little disappointed with the quality of the photos. What else should we expect from 1930's photography? HD has spoiled us!

Got as a gift for my GF and she really loved how it was from Colleen Moore's perspective. Good buy for the doll house super fan in your life.

I visited the Chicago museum with a friend and their son, when the school took a day trip in the spring of this year. We were quite impressed with the doll house on display, and were able to 'try' to take pictures, as well as listen to the provided sound track available to visitors regarding the creation and maintenance of the doll house. The book on sale in the store at the museum might be a newer copy, but it was very expensive and didn't look as good as this did, when I found it on line. I bought one for myself, and one for my friend. We are both exceptionally pleased with this book, and it gave even better close up detail than we could see through the glass case at the museum, along with an enjoyable text which further outlined the beginnings and history of the doll house.

Do NOT BUY THIS BOOK FOR OVER \$30.00! It is \$29.95 - NEW at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry bookshop. I was just there - and I can't believe that people are trying to sell it for \$68.00 plus dollars on .

A few years ago I went to see the Fairy Castle at Chicago's Science and Industry Museum with my son and granddaughter. It was fantastic and it was hard to pull ourselves away from this beautiful castle. At that time my granddaughter loved fairies. Years later I regretted that I didn't buy the book about the Fairy Castle. I have looked through this book and it is a beautiful. I wrote a card to my granddaughter and presented her with the book. What a special memory of a beautiful day! The book is gorgeous and well worth owning. It is a true treasure.

I have known about Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle for many years, but have yet to see it in person at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. We had a trip planned for this September, but had to cancel because of illness. Next year for sure. I had planned to purchase this book at the Museum when we visited, but alas that was not to be, so I got it through an seller. The book itself is a piece of

art. Well done, beautiful detailed, close up pictures. More pictures than words, which in a book of this nature, is very important to me. There are a lot of details about the construction, Ms. Moore, and the history of the castle, so this book is very complete and a joy to own or to give as a gift.

Wonderful history lesson and a real treat for anyone who knows Colleen Moore or who is interested in doll houses.

Photos in book are kind of blurry and not good quality. Doesn't do the actual Fairy Castle and justice at all. I saw it in person and is stunning and beautiful. Wish the Photos were clearer.

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