



*What a
miracle
these dolls...*

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Where did they appear?



- The answer to this question is very simple: everywhere. The doll is one of the first companions of the man. It can be found as among primitive so civilized people. It is known that dolls have been during the existence of the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Greece and Rome.

- It is possible that the first doll was invented not by adults but by children and made of natural things such as stones and sticks. But for most people the dolls were more than just toys. For example, among American Indian baby doll was the image of a deity or an idol. It was made of wood and was part of the religious education of children.





- In Japan primitive baby doll was made , for example, of planed willow branches, which was put on paper clothes. There was also a doll, which we would call a "scapegoat". It was "fed", clothed, treated like a living being and given to mothers to ward off the devil from their children. But in addition to these "magical" dolls, Japanese girls had ordinary ones for the game.

- Islam forbids to depict people. But despite this, beautifully dressed up dolls are often given to the girl who is getting married, as the bride in Islamic countries is often very young. Mothers are usually reluctant to give the dolls their little daughters because they fear that the spirit of the devil in the doll can cause harm to the child. But many girls do a puppet from pieces of wood.





- Dolls are common in Africa, but they are sometimes used in ritual magical purposes, and not as toys. In Europe also during the early days a doll was often associated with religious rituals, icons of the saints, and some with the Christmas holiday.

In the Protestant countries of Europe long before the Catholic dolls were just toys.





**Thank you for
attention**