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# Godey's Fashions Coloring Book (Dover Fashion Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

Superbly rendered illustrations, adapted from Godey's Lady's Book, a rare nineteenth-century fashion magazine, provide authentic views of evolving Victorian modes of apparel — from lace-edged necklines and elongated bodices to fitted bonnets and extravagant bustles. Thirty ready-to-color illustrations depict lavish dresses and gowns of velvet and damask; smart riding outfits trimmed with braid and gilt; an elegant cashmere shawl, children's outfits; as well as hair ornaments, footwear, and other accessories. A lovely collection that offers an authentic glimpse of what well-dressed ladies and youngsters of the Victorian era were wearing, this is a must-have for coloring book fans, costume designers, and cultural historians.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 8

## Customer Reviews

Ming-Ju Sun has worked in fashion advertising as an illustrator, art director, and photographer. Her original illustrations for Garfinckel's department store, along with her original drawings from Dover's Fashions of the First Ladies Coloring Book, are archived at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

I seem to "collect" coloring books rather than actually use them, but getting this one tells me maybe

I have been buying the wrong ones for my coloring tastes and passions. I couldn't wait to start coloring this one! I foresee a whole new collection of fashion color books! In fact, I may have to get another of this specific one to color them twice (Yes, I know I could make copies, but for "reasons" that's not happening here.) I thought I had a pretty good collection of colored pencils, but they seem to be more specific to nature coloring, and I can see from coloring in this book that I will have to expand my collection (about 85 colors combined from three brands). I am afraid it is an addiction ... I have enjoyed the Dover Coloring Books since long before "adult coloring" was a thing -- going back a good 25 years. These pages are artfully detailed, but not so much so that they are intimidating to color. The styles of both dresses and hairstyles/accessories are true to the time depicted (it's an area I've researched for costuming). Using this Godey's Fashions color book takes me back to a time I have only had the pleasure to read and dream about. I am loving the experience!

This book cost \$2.55. From some of the reviews I wasn't expecting much. One of the reviews claimed there was too much text and the pictures are too small. Yes there is text but I do enjoy reading the text and I ponder about the time period as I color. If you want to do much shading this is not necessarily the right book for you. There are tiny details in several of the dresses. In my opinion this is a perfect coloring book for those who enjoy coloring, or those who are learning about shading faces and the folds of dresses and flowers. At the price I would buy a few copies. That's \$2.55 including shipping!!!! Great deal! Actually, I have bought several coloring books this month and this is by far my favorite.

The artist's depiction of these images from Godey's Ladies Book are detailed and gorgeous, and I would've given it 5 stars had they not done an injustice to Ming Ju Sun by printing it front and back on lightweight stock paper, which made the book thin & flimsy. Frankly, her renderings deserve far better presentation than they (and she) received from Dover with this particular book. One suggestion for a solution to the problem of attempting to control inks bleeding through the paper when they are printed front and back, as they are in several of my favorite Dover books, is to copy the selected image onto a higher quality paper (I used a bright white card stock).

This coloring book has some very beautiful designed dresses to color. I know that I will spend many happy hours coloring these fashions from an era gone by. There are thirty dresses from the Victorian era to color, fashion that reminds me of the historic romance that I like to read. When ladies wore

lots and lots of petticoat, and young ladies wore these stunning designers dresses to coming out parties. It is a shame that these beautiful design are two to a page, back to back, otherwise this coloring book would be perfect. They are printed on bright white paper that is of medium weight. I will be using my coloring pencil to color in this coloring book, don't want to mess up the beautiful dress on the back of the page. You will be very happy buying this book, I sure am. This is a great buy.

this is a lovely coloring book BUT if you plan to use markers in this book you will lose half your pictures as this book has pictures on both sides of the page. I did know that when I purchased it so it was no big deal for me. I haven't decided if I am going to scan the pictures so I don't lose any of them or use colored pencils on the pages. I do like the fact that within the pages (front and back covers) it shows all the gowns in color so you can get an idea of what they will look like when finished. There is also a small history of the dresses on the pages to you learn a few facts along with having the fun of coloring

This coloring book starts with a short blurb about Lady's book (later Godey's Lady Book) aka who we can thank for these lovely images. Each page gives us information about the page we're coloring -- including the year that fashion appeared, the fabrics used, what the accents are, etc. While some adult coloring books require you to all but grab a magnifying glass for the details, this one is a bit kinder on the eyes. Some pages have almost no small areas leaving you to your own devices when it comes to just how much shading / sprucing up of the image you'd like to do. Or, alternatively, if you're in the mood for some of the more detailed challenges some pages do have fashions that will require you sharpen the colored pencils to a fine point before you start working on them. Some of the coloring books that are geared towards adults might not be as appropriate for kids, but this one is just fine for them. Really small kids would maybe have problems with the pages that have some of the finer details, but beyond that, there's no reason why kids of all ages couldn't color these pages. If you like Victorian fashion, history, and coloring then you won't want to miss this one.

Very well done. These dresses are extremely complicated and if the artists had not been so succinct one could have a very hard time trying to figure out what one was looking at. Prepare to spend HOURS on each dress. It's a labor of love. :) One tiny drawback: printed on both sides of paper. When you close the book the colors leach onto the opposite page.

The second picture is the back of the first one, with the coloured flowers. The pictures are nice and interesting to color with. Unfortunately, the print is on a very thin paper, (it feels like the newsprint paper that I used to use in art class in kindergarten) the coloring book itself is 30 pages, using both sides. This is fun, only if you use color pencils exclusively.

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