



The Meanest Doll in the World

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Recommended Ages:

8-12

Summary: Annabelle Doll and Tiffany Funcraft are two dolls who have been best friends since they met in Kate Palmer's house at 26 Wetherby Lane. In this sequel to *The Doll People*, they hitch a ride in Kate's backpack and find themselves in the biggest adventure of their lives: a day at school! But when an attempt to return home lands them in the wrong house, they're in far deeper trouble than they imagined. Along with a host of new doll friends, they also encounter Mean Mimi, the wickedest doll of all. Mean Mimi is mean—really mean—and she's determined to rule all of Dollkind or else destroy it. Will the world ever be safe for dolls again?

Discussion Questions: Spoiler alert! Some of the questions contain key elements of the plot. Do not read if you don't want to know what happens!

1. Explain the Doll Code of Honor. What is it? Could you follow it if you had to?
2. The book *The Meanest Doll in the World* has pictures mixed in with the story. Did you like having the pictures included? Did they tell you anything about the story that you didn't get from the words?
3. What are some of the reasons why Annabelle sometimes feels lonely and left out?
4. Even though Annabelle doesn't think she's adventurous, what are some of the things she does that suggest otherwise?
5. Would you be brave enough to hunt for spiders in the attic?
6. Why do you think Mean Mimi is so mean?
7. Do you think Mean Mimi is in Permanent Doll State or is she just pretending? If she is pretending, why?
8. Annabelle may not be the most adventurous or daring doll, but she has other strengths. What are they?
9. If you were a living doll, what kind would you rather be? Stuffed, cloth, or plastic?
10. Have you read the first book, *The Doll People*? If not, did this book make you want to read the first?