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Editorial Review

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Grade 3-6-In this sequel to The Doll People (Hyperion, 2000), Annabelle Doll and her best friend, Tiffany Funcraft, take an inadvertent ride to a human school in a backpack and end up in a house where most of the dolls live in terror of Mimi, a princess doll of small stature but with a diabolical nature. They help the dolls but earn the enmity of Mean Mimi, who manages to sneak back to their house with them. After she sows seeds of discord among the Doll and Funcraft families, her destructive streak leads to her own downfall. Intriguing new characters, plenty of adventure, a rift in the friendship between Annabelle and Tiffany, and a truly evil nemesis will keep the pages turning, whether readers have read the first book or not. The pen-and-ink illustrations, which start at the endpapers and appear on almost every page, are nothing short of brilliant. They complement and extend the story, following it faithfully but adding deliciously to the humor and drama. This fantasy is destined to be a favorite for years to come.
Eva Mitnick, Los Angeles Public Library
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Gr. 5-8. It was exciting when the 100-year-old, dollhouse-dwelling Doll Family met the modern, "real pink plastic" Funcrafts in *The Doll People* (2000), a thoroughly charming exploration of the fantasy that dolls are secretly alive. In this action-packed sequel, things heat up even further after Annabelle Doll and her best friend Tiffany Funcraft dive into the human girl's backpack and get hauled off to school. They end up in the wrong kid's backpack and in the home of the meanest doll in the world! Will they bravely take on Mean Mimi, who is determined to expose the sacred secret of dollkind? And, how will they get home? Selznick's pencil drawings are winningly expressive, and the clever title-page progression, spelling out "The Meanest Doll in the World" in several pages, is not to be missed. There are inspiring moments of fortitude here as the dolls show readers how to live with integrity and without fear. Though the authors provide background info, readers will want to start with the first novel. *Karin Snelson*
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