

It's Our Holiday Issue!

Doll

MAG

November/December 2012

find
cozy winter
wear

Our First
Gift Guide!

Meet
SAMANTHA
Parkington
& NELLIE
O'Malley



PLUS!

A winter poster
for you to print
out and color!



Meet our first ever cover girls, Samantha and Nellie, on page 7.

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Meet a Reader: Payton

Each month, we ask our readers to answer a set of questions for the chance to be featured in the upcoming issue. Here is an example from co-editor-in-chief, Lulu and her doll, Payton.

DM: What is your favorite thing about the holidays?

P: I like giving and receiving presents! (:

DM: What do you do for fun in the winter?

P: I go sledding.

DM: What is your favorite holiday food?

P: Gingerbread!

DM: What is the top thing on your wish list?

P: A tennis racket

DM: What is your favorite holiday special?

P: I like *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Letter From the

Editors

Dear Readers,

Happy Holidays! Spending the holidays with your family and friends is one of the best things in life, so make sure to spread some of the holiday cheer with your dolls! Whether you make them a homemade gift or treat them to an outfit from Etsy/Ebay/an independent seller, your dolls are sure to have a wonderful time! :) Be sure to submit something {check out page 5} and read about two beloved characters in the AG world, Samantha and Nellie, on page 7. We're wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Bella and Lulu ☺



Giving or receiving
PRESENTS: What's
better?

Uh... Receiving.
-Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Receiving, but giving is fun too! :)
-Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION: What is your New Year's resolution? To respond, leave your answer on one of our blogs!

BITS & PIECES

Tidbits of news in the AG world!

IT'S SAIGE!

All American Girl fans caught a glimpse of Saige this past month when photos were leaked of her around the web. It has not been confirmed that this is the final prototype of the doll, but we think she's really cute! What do you think of Saige?



a winter photo shoot

Aren't Nellie and Samantha so cute in this carriage?! This image {and the one on the cover} are from an old winter catalogue, before Nellie and Samantha were retired.

My Dream ^{Doll} Outfit Pinterest CONTEST



1. Create a Pinterest board for your outfit titled "My Dream Liberty Jane Outfit"
2. Pin at least 3 patterns that can be used to create the outfit from www.LibertyJanePatterns.com
3. Fill your board with inspiration images from your fav fashion sites, colors, fabrics, accessories, anything to set the "mood"
4. Copy and Paste the BOARD URL into the comments under this Pinned Image.
5. Enter by November 30th

CLICK THROUGH TO
READ THE CONTEST
OFFICIAL RULES @
blog.libertyjaneclimbing.com

WIN A
CUSTOM
Liberty Jane
OUTFIT!

Enter the Liberty Jane Contest!

Liberty Jane is hosting a contest where you could win an original outfit from them! To enter, you must have a Pinterest account where you can create an outfit using any clothing items, accessories, or fabrics to set the mood, as well as pin three patterns that can be used to create the outfit. The deadline is November 30th. Have fun and good luck! :)

WE NEED *your* HELP!



WANT TO HAVE YOUR WORK FEATURED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF *DOLL MAG*?! HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Submit a book review!

HAVE YOU READ AN AMERICAN GIRL BOOK RECENTLY? WRITE A ONE TO TWO PARAGRAPH REVIEW THAT INCLUDES YOUR THOUGHTS AND A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BOOK. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE IMAGE!

Enter our interview contest!

ENTER OUR INTERVIEW CONTEST EACH MONTH ON LULU'S BLOG! WE WILL CHOOSE A WINNER RANDOMLY AND FEATURE THEIR ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

Send in a craft!

IF YOU HAVE A GREAT CRAFT YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE, PLEASE SEND IN A TUTORIAL. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE RESULTS! :)

BOOK REVIEWS, CRAFTS, INTERVIEW SUBMISSIONS, AND ANYTHING ELSE CAN BE LEFT AT LULU'S BLOG.

theawesomeadventuresoflulu.wordpress.com

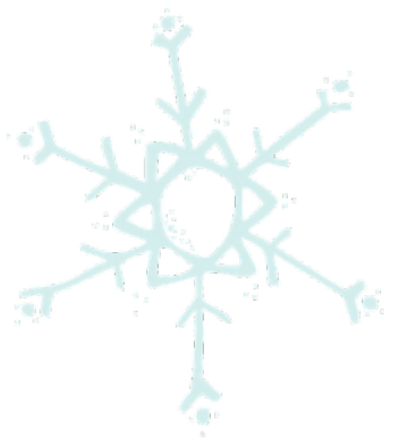
A QUICK NOTE FROM THE EDITORS...

Hi!

Please enjoy our first revamped magazine for doll lovers and their dolls! We hope you enjoy this issue, and consider helping us out in the three ways mentioned above. Have any other suggestions? Let us know! In the meantime, we will be working hard on the January/February 2013 issue, which will be posted on Lulu's blog on January 5. Thanks for all your support! :)

Bella and Lulu

14 Things to do with you doll on a SNOW DAY



1. Watch an American Girl movie. {We really like the Kit and Chrissa ones.}
2. **Make hot cocoa for yourself, and then for your doll!** Put a large brown pom-pom and her mug and add mini white pom-poms for marshmallows. {Idea taken from *Imagine* magazine}
3. DRESS HER FOR FUN IN THE SNOW! PUT ON HER WARMEST COAT, MITTENS, AND BOOTS, AND PRETEND TO GO ON SLED RIDES AND MAKE SNOWMEN, NEVER TAKE YOUR DOLL OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW.
4. Read a good book. {and submit a book review while you're at it.}
5. **Host a fashion show with friends!** Invite them over, dress your dolls in crazy outfits, and film the entire show!
6. PLAY SCHOOL!
7. Decorate her "room." Create posters, rearrange the furniture, and organize her little trinkets!
8. **Color in our poster on page 14. Your doll can help! :)**
9. PLAY A BOARD GAME, OR CREATE YOUR OWN.
10. Find and read some doll blogs together. Try starting with Doll Diaries and go from there.
11. **Bake cookies! Dolls make excellent taste-testers :)**
12. DRESS HER UP IN SPORTS GEAR, AND EXERCISE INDOORS. TRY YOGA OR AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC GAME!
13. Set up a beach. Lay out a towel, create a "sandcastle" from paper, pack a summery lunch, and dress your doll in her swimsuit. Watch a beach-y movie or show.
14. **Learn a new language. Books and the internet are a great place to start.**

TWO Peas in A Pod

These two ambitious girls have been around for a while, but their unbreakable bond is as amazing as ever.



It seems like just yesterday Samantha was bravely rescuing Nellie from the orphanage, let's see what they're doing this holiday season in this interview...

DM: What is your favorite part of the holidays?

S: I love to decorate the Christmas Tree and write letters to Santa Claus!

N: I always like to spend time with my family.

DM: Would you rather give or receive presents?

S: Give, I love the happy feeling you get when you make someone's day. :)

N: I don't really know I love the feeling of giving but receiving makes me feel good because I know someone thought of me.

DM: What is your favorite thing to do in the snow?

S: I like to ride in the horse-drawn carriage and make snow balls.

N: I love to just play with my sisters. :)

DM: Who do you spend your holidays with?

S: I usually spend it with my Uncle and Aunt, Grandmary, and Nellie and her sisters.

N: I'm found snuggling by the fire with my sisters and Samantha, and her aunt and uncle

DM: Do you like the spring or winter better?

S: Spring! My birthday is in May. :)

N: I love the weather in Spring, but winter is when I was adopted by Samantha's family.

DM: What is your favorite holiday food?

S: Hot Cocoa!

N: Gingerbread, it's perfect for a delicious dessert.



walking in a
winter
wonderland

Cute socks, tights, and boots are all you need to keep your doll's feet toasty warm this winter! We tell you what to look for this season.



stripes!

Stripes are perfect for the holiday season! Look for bright greens, blues, and neon to really brighten up the gray, winter days.

This model is wearing tights from Etsy shop, Sew Fun Doll Clothes.

A close-up photograph of a doll's lower body. The doll is wearing a dark blue denim skirt with a frayed hem and yellow stitching. Her hands are tucked into the skirt. She is wearing light blue ribbed socks with a brown bear face design on the front. The bear has black eyes and a black nose. The doll is standing on a white, fluffy surface.

polar friends

Cute arctic animals are sure to make you smile. Reindeers not up your alley? Try polar bears or penguins!

This model is wearing socks from Etsy shop, Lemonhead 103.

basics

Leggings are very versatile and can be layered under fall dresses and skirts so that they work for winter. Try looking for simple and neutral colors, like white, so that they match most things in your closet.

This model is wearing leggings from the Etsy shop, Doll Closet.





floral and wool

On cold mornings, nothing compares to pulling on a cozy pair of socks. The floral detail on this pair would look really cute peeking out a pair of boots.

This model is wearing socks from The Sassy Sock Shop at Beds-n-Blankies.

What Historical AG Doll Are You?



Kaya

Felicity

Caroline

Josefina

Kirsten

Marie Grace

Cecile



Addy



Samantha



Rebecca



Kit



Molly



Julie

1. Your birthday is in...

- A) Summer (Kaya, Kirsten)
- B) Fall (Caroline)
- C) Spring (Felicity, Josefina, Marie-Grace, Cecile, Addy, Samantha, Rebecca, Kit, Molly, Julie)

*Since none of the dolls we are using have a winter birthday, please just choose the one closest to yours.

2. Your Friends describe you as...

- A) Adventurous (Kaya)
- B) Spunky or Energetic (Felicity, Rebecca)
- C) Daring or Courageous, (Caroline, Addy)
- D) Caring (Marie-Grace, Josefina)
- E) Strong (Kirsten, Cecile)
- F) Smart (Samantha, Kit)
- G) Friendly (Molly, Julie)

3. Your favorite color is...

- A) Pink (Marie-Grace, Addy, Felicity)
- B) Orange (Julie)
- C) Yellow (Kaya, Josefina)
- D) Purple (Rebecca)

E) Blue (Cecile, Samantha, Molly)

F) Red (Kirsten)

G) Green (Kit)

4. Your favorite animal is...

- A) Dog (Marie-Grace, Kit)
- B) Bunny (Julie)
- C) Horses (Felicity)
- D) Cat (Rebecca, Caroline, Kirsten)
- E) All baby animals (Josefina)
- F) Bird (Cecile)
- G) Other (Kaya, Addy, Samantha, Molly)

5. If you were going to join an activity which would you join?

- A) A sports team or track (Julie)
- B) A Nature group (Kaya, Josefina)
- C) A play or some sort of production (Rebecca, Molly, Cecile)
- D) An animal club (Felicity, Kirsten)
- E) Some sort of writing activity (Kit, Samantha)
- F) Ice Skating (Caroline)
- G) Other (Addy, Marie-Grace, Caroline)

*You may end up being more than one doll

Kaya	Felicity	Caroline	Josefina	Kirsten	Marie-Grace	Cecile
Addy	Samantha	Rebecca	Kit	Molly	Julie	

Happy Holidays From The
Girls At Doll Mag!



Doll Mag's First-Ever Gift Guide

Your doll likes **Baking**

Expensive	Middle	Homemade
American Girl's Sugar and Spice Baking Set \$58	Food from Etsy shop, Pippaloo. Prices vary.	Make a cookbook for your doll! Include your favorite recipes.



Your doll likes **Fashion**

Expensive	Middle	Homemade
American Girl's Doll Tees: Felt Fashions \$22	Liberty Jane's Teal Lace and Stripes Baseball Tee \$15	Make a Contrasting Tab Top Tee via the Spicys! Price around \$10.



Your doll likes **Music**

Expensive	Middle	Homemade
American Girl's Baby Grand Piano \$150	American Girl's Doll Star \$22	Make a drum set out of cans and glittery scrapbook paper! \$5



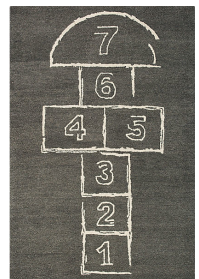
Your doll likes **Reading**

Expensive	Middle	Homemade
Madi Grace Design's Bedroom Accessories Set \$40	American Girl's School Backpack Set \$28	Create books using pieces of cardboard and pretty paper! \$2



Your doll likes **Sports**

Expensive	Middle	Homemade
American Girl's 2-in-1 Running Outfit \$34	Dream World Collection's Cheerleading Set \$29	Make balls out of ping-pongs and hopscotch on black paper! \$2



a
MERRY

happy

Jolly

Holiday

What to wear on the holidays is always a dilemma. Here our
some of our favorite pieces for you to choose from!



#1: Sweater Dress + Tie-Dye Tights + Cute boots = Perfect outfit for Christmas Eve Dinner

This cutie is wearing an outfit from the Etsy Shop, Fox and Family Acorn Soup.



#2 Blue Fluffy Skirt +
Snowflake Tee = Good
outfit for your holiday
shopping trip.

This model is wearing an outfit from Etsy
shop, The Button and Bow Boutique.

#3 Comfy sweater +
Black leggings + Boots =
Terrific ensemble for
your classroom holiday
party

This adorable model is wearing an outfit
from Etsy shop, 123 Mulberry Street.





#4 Patterned party dress +
Unique belt = The best choice
for a special day.

This cute girl is wearing a dress from the shop, Camalot's
Treasures

#5 Snowflake Dress
+ Thin tights + High
RED boots = Your
weekend winter wear

This cutie is wearing a outfit from the
shop, Sew Urban Designs.



In the January/February issue of

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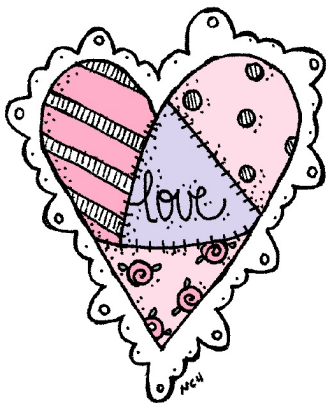
let's Get Healthy!

You and your doll can stay healthy this winter!



Setting the Stage for Saige

What is the new Girl of the Year all about? Check back in our next issue to read about her interests and dreams!



PAJAMA DAY

There's nothing better than snuggling in a cozy pair of pajamas!



Printable Valentines!

Use our pint-sized valentines for your doll{s}!