

It's Our Anniversary Issue!

Doll MAG

July 2012

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An
INDEPENDENCE
DAY
Treat!

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Your
Summer
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Our cover girl Jess is looking lovely in this portrait of her by Robert Papp.

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Meet a Reader: **Kanani**

Each month, we ask our readers to answer a set of questions for the chance to be featured in the upcoming issue. This month's winner was Sophie and Kanani. Check her out at <http://sophie4503.wordpress.com/>.

DM: How do you celebrate your birthday?

KA: I get my hair done!

DM: What is your favorite part of Doll Mag?

KA: I like the quizzes.

DM: What is your favorite part of summer vacation?

KA: The pool (:

DM: What is your favorite animal?

KA: Kangaroos

DM: What is your favorite summer sport?

KA: Soccer

Letter From the

Editors

Dear Readers,

This month, we celebrate one year of Doll Mag! Last July, we created a mini magazine for our dolls, but today we are pleased to announce that we have made both a human and doll sized issue. Now you and your doll can have fun reading through it together! In the next year, we plan to include more doll types {i.e. not just AG dolls} and make it more interactive with you! To start, you can always enter our monthly interview contest on Lulu's blog. If you are chosen {using Random Generator} you will be featured in the "Meet a Reader" section. Also, try submitting a piece of writing to our ~~Short~~ Tiny Story Contest. To learn more, flip to page 4. If you have any suggestions or you just want to say hi, please leave us a note at one of our blogs. Here's wishing you a happy July here at Doll Mag! ☺

Bella and Lulu ☺

What is your favorite
ICE CREAM
flavor?

Cookies n' Cream with rainbow sprinkles in a cone!
-Lulu, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Chocolate with chocolate sprinkles, of course!
-Bella, Co-Editor-in-Chief

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION: What is favorite vacation spot? To respond, leave your answer on one of our blogs!

BITS & PIECES

Tidbits of news in the AG world!



Pettyjohn and Penarejo in the gym.

McKenna Shoots for the Stars!

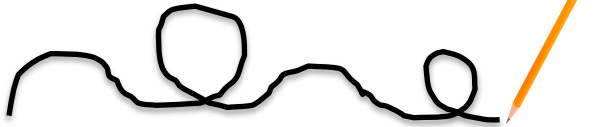
The newest movie from American Girl will be released on DVD and Blu-Ray on July 3rd! You can also catch it on NBC on July 14th. Starring Jade Pettyjohn as McKenna and Ysa Penarejo as her best friend Toulane, people are sure to flip for this summer hit! ☺



Summer 2012 Releases

At the end of June, American Girl released a boat load of new items! Among the new items were a car and two brand new outfits for Ivy and Julie. What do YOU think of the new items?

Tiny Writing Contest



Calling all authors! We are looking for short original stories that just might be featured in the September issue of Doll Mag! Please submit your stories to the corresponding post on Lulu's blog. The winning stories will be chosen by Lulu and Bella and will be announced in late August. Please submit your stories no later than August 18th. Thanks! ☺



Melody's Valerie's Summer Line, Diaphanous!

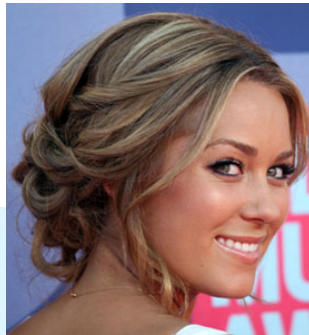
Released on June 30th, Melody Valerie's summer line impressed doll fans of all ages. Included in the collection were "Spellbound," "Vintage Fresh," "Number 3" and "Suzanne"



Your ultimate

Summer Hair Guide!

The messy bun



1. Pull your hair to the side and tie a tight ponytail.
2. Using lots of bobby pins, wrap your hair around the ponytail. It doesn't matter how you style the hair; it's supposed to be messy!
3. Fix and spray with hairspray.

try it on your doll! Instead of starting with a ponytail, begin with two pigtails like Jess!



Chalk highlights

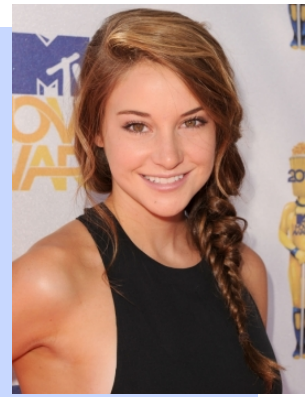
1. Put a towel over your shoulders.
2. Wet a brightly colored *pastel* chalk.
3. In a downward motion, gently rub the desired area.
4. Continue until you are satisfied.
5. This washes right out with shampoo!

We do NOT recommend this for your doll!

The fishtail

1. Divide the hair you want to braid into two equal sections.
2. Hold the right section with your right hand and pick up about 1/4 inch of hair from the outside of the left section to the inside of the right section.
3. Repeat, but start with the left section and cross the right section over.
4. Continue until you reach the end of your hair and secure with an elastic.

try it on your doll! Make a mini fishtail braid and put it back into a ponytail.



Jess keeps her hair out of her face by throwing it into two messy buns!

Whoopie Pies

These tasty treats are perfect for the Fourth of July! If you do not want to use the filling, try ice cream or frozen yogurt instead.



Classic Whoopie Pies

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 to 5 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk

1. Preheat an oven to 375 degrees.
2. Cream sugar and shortening together.
3. Beat egg yolks and add to batter.
4. In a different bowl, stir the dry ingredients together.
5. Alternating with the milk, add the dry ingredients to the batter.
6. Grease a cookie sheet.
7. Drop batter in equal spoonfuls on the cookie sheets, leaving room for them to spread.
8. Bake in oven for 8 to 10 minutes.
9. Allow to cool on a wire rack.
10. Once cool, spread half of the cakes with your desired filling.
11. Assemble like a sandwich and enjoy!

Whoopie Pie Filling

With an electric mixer, combine 1/2 cups shortening, 2 cups confectioners sugar, 2 egg whites, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons fluff.

HANGING WITH JESS

Back in 2006, Jess was the face of American Girl. We caught up with her today to see what this adventurous 16-year old is doing now.

SUMMER LOVING

DM: How's your summer so far?

JM: I'm loving summer quite a bit! This was my second year of high school, so I was used to the amount of work, although I can't say I liked it! I tried to finish the year up strong, so that I could enjoy the carefree days of summer.

DM: That's good. What are your plans for vacation?

JM: I'm playing on a soccer league and I believe I'm taking more guitar lessons. Better late than never! I would also like to see Sarita [Bo] but it depends on our schedules.



THE FAMILY LIFE

DM: Have you gone on any more digs with your parents since Belize?

JM: My parents have been on dozens more, but I've only joined them a few. I don't think I will become an archeologist, but I always like to imagine about the people in ancient civilizations.

DM: What would you like to be instead?

JM: I would love to play soccer professionally or become a professional snowboarder.

DM: How are you animal friends, Fuzz and Pippi?

JM: OH! ☺ I love those two! I haven't played with them in forever, but I have plenty of photos to remind me of them.

FAREWELLS

DM: Thank you, Jess!

JM: No problem! ☺

The Summer Staples

Summer Staple One: the graphic tee

Graphic tees add punch to any outfit! Look for one with a fun illustration (we're loving this vintage-like Tink) or a positive message.

Mckenna is modeling a shirt from Etsy Shop, Lost in a Jungle



Summer Staple Two: Bright colors

Bright colors are on the rise this summer! Pair a colorful skirt with a white tank so that it really stands out. Colors we're digging include turquoise, orange-red, and lime green.

Julie is modeling a skirt and top from Etsy shop, Jackie's Heart and Soul.



Summer Staple Three*
*lightweight
dresses*

There's no use wearing heavy dresses or skirts in the summer heat. Look for the little details (like the button trim on this dress) and you're sure to be a winner at any cookout!

This cutie is wearing a dress from Etsu Shop, Anna's Girls.





Summer Staple Four* tanks!

Nothing screams summer more than the classic ensemble of a cute tank and denim shorts. Switch things up by pairing a floral tank top with a matching skirt.

This girlie is wearing a skirt and tank by Etsy Shop, A Bee Line.



Summer Staple Five*
denim shorts

Every girl should have a good pair of shorts for the summer, but that's no reason to be boring! Try a new and adventurous color, like this funky orange.

Chrissa is wearing a top and a pair of shorts from Liberty Jane.

What's Your
summer song?

1. in the summer, you can find me...

- a. Hanging with friends
- b. Shopping for new clothes
- c. Running a race

2. my style of clothing is...

- a. Bohemian
- b. Funky and original
- c. A combination of glam, basic, and rocker style.

3. my favorite type of music is...

- a. Music you can dance to
- b. Pop
- c. A mix of folk and pop

4. my friends would describe me as...

- a. Ambitious
- b. Outgoing
- c. Confident

5. i also like...

- a. Owl City
- b. Lady Gaga
- c. Adele



Mostly a's
Carly Rae Jepsen

Your summer song is "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen!



Mostly b's
Katy Perry

Your summer song is anything by Katy Perry!



Mostly c's
Ellie Goulding

Your summer song is "Lights" by Ellie Goulding!

Happy Birthday Bella!

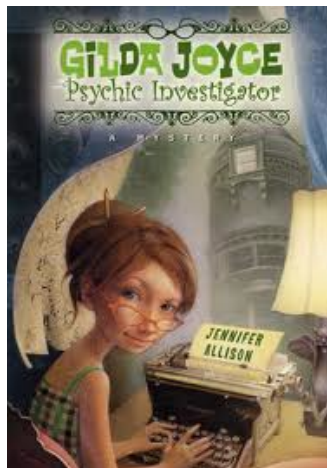
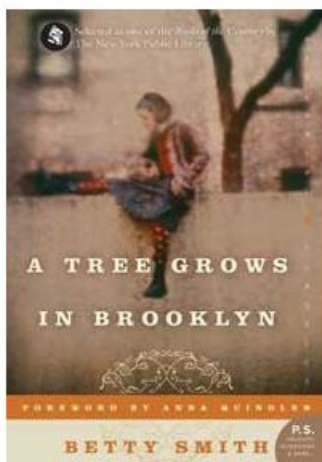
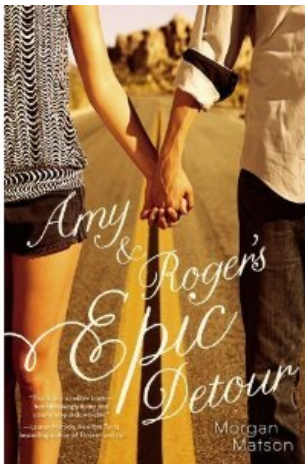
Bella, one of the co-editors of Doll Mag will be having her birthday this July! So here is some of the things she likes.



Muffins: Bella's favorite thing to bake

Muffin Recipe

Preheat the oven to 400°F.
Put the flours, baking powder, baking soda, and sugar in a large bowl.
Place the milk, oil, and the egg in a liquid measuring cup.
Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients, and combine with a wooden spoon.
Stir in the chocolate chips. Do not over mix; a few lumps are perfectly normal, and actually make better muffins!
Grease a muffin pan, or use your fun liners :)
Spoon about 1/3 cup of batter into each cup, filling it 3/4 the way full.
Bake for 20 minutes.
Let cool in pan before transferring to a wire rack.
Delicious!



Frozen Yogurt:
Bella's Favorite Food



Vera Bradley!
:)



Bella's Four Favorite Books



Bella's American Girl Dolls!



Ciao Bella: Bella's Blog!



Legally Blonde: Bella's Favorite Movie

Dear Bella,

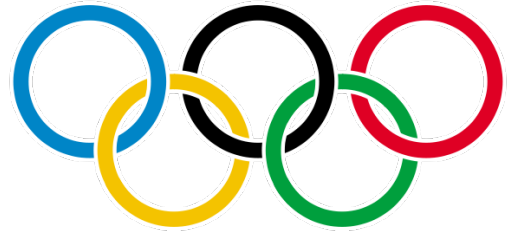
You are the most awesome sister ever! You do amazing things and I hope you have a birthday that is just as awesome as you!

So.... Happy Birthday Bella!

From,
Lulu (Your sister and Co-Editor)

In the August issue of

Doll Mag...



the OLYMPICS

Look forward to Olympic themed articles, including sporty hairstyles and McKenna's essentials!

Smitten with Smithens

We chat with the ever-so popular Ruthie Smithens, and talk everything from fairy tales to movies!

FASHION FLASHBACK

Take hints from past decades to incorporate in your autumn wardrobe!

