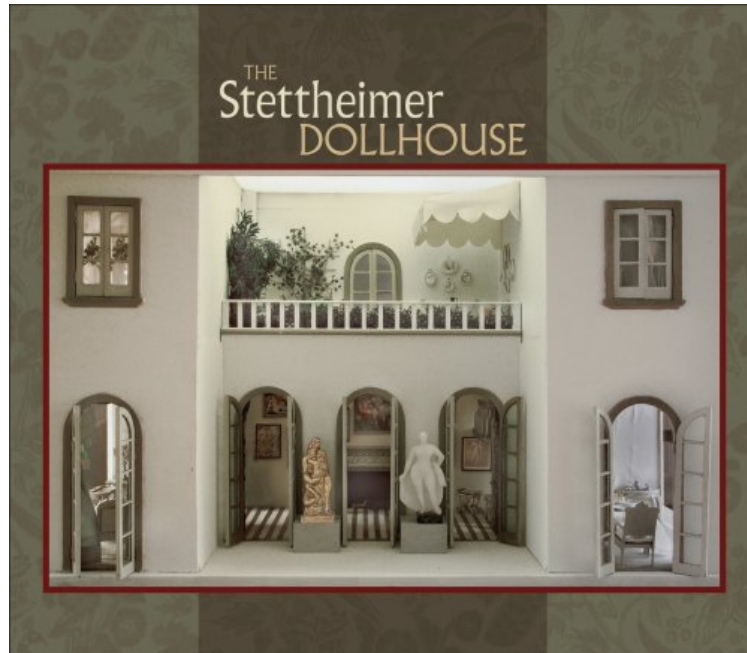


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Carrie Walter Stettheimer (American, 1869-1944) wove together the fashion and style of New York's high society in the

early twentieth century to create one of the finest dollhouses in the world. Stettheimer worked on the twelve-room dollhouse for nearly two decades, creating many of the furnishings and decorations by hand. Styles of decoration vary from room to room, yet the wallpapers, furniture, and fixtures are all characteristic of the period following World War I.

About the Author Sheila W. Clark, Curator of the Toy Collection at the Museum of the City of New York, developed the long-term gallery installation "New York Toy Stories" and several special exhibitions.