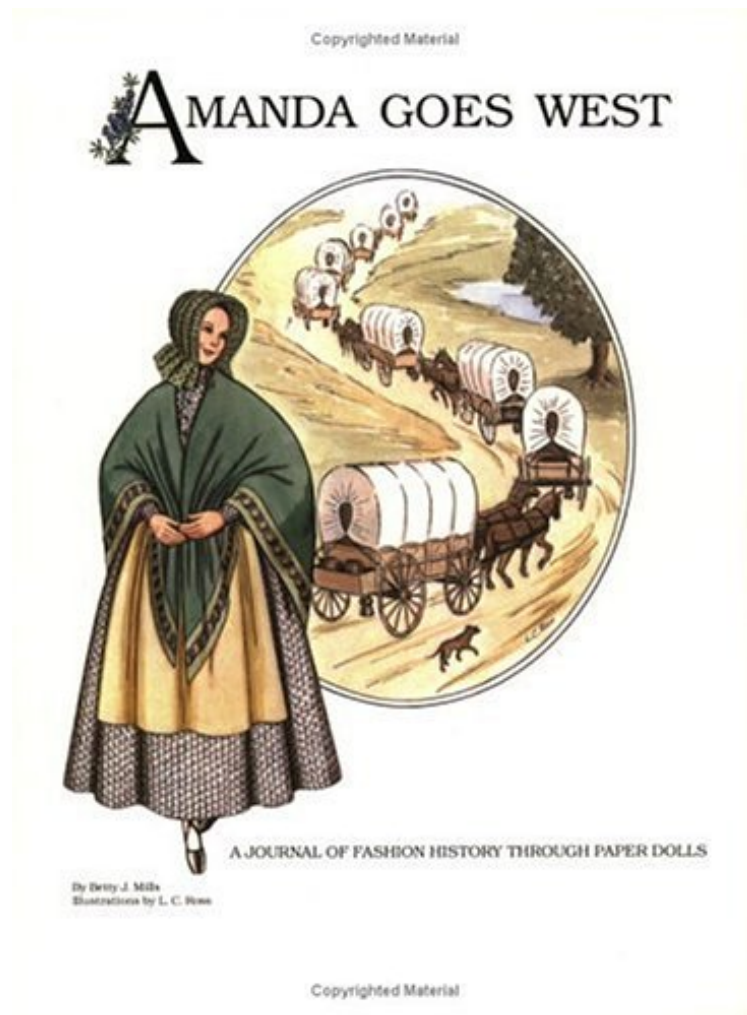


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The Amanda paper doll books tell the story of a young woman who pioneered from Tennessee to Texas with her parents in 1838. The narrative is illustrated with authentic fashions appropriate to the period. Interspersed are historical facts, cultural events, and the social history of Texas on its new frontiers. These books provide facts and fun for all ages!

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