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The Princess In Black And The Perfect Princess Party



Synopsis

Inconvenient monster alarms, a sparkly array of princess guests, and spot-on slapstick pacing make for a party readers will celebrate. Today is Princess Magnolia's birthday party, and she wants everything to be perfect. But just as her guests are arriving . . . Brring! Brring! The monster alarm! Princess Magnolia runs to the broom closet, ditches her frilly clothes, and becomes the Princess in Black! She rushes to the goat pasture, defeats the monster, and returns to the castle before her guests discover her secret. But every time Princess Magnolia is about to open her presents, the monster alarm rings again. And every time she rushes back—an inside-out dress here, a missing shoe there—it gets harder to keep the other princesses from being suspicious. Don't those monsters understand that now is not a good time for an attack?

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Princess and adventure fans alike will clamor for an invite to this not-so-perfect but oh-so-entertaining party. School Library Journal Keeping the world safe from monsters is a daunting task. And only the PIB can accomplish this while throwing the perfect party! Expect high demand. Booklist A lively cohort between the ages of 5 and 9 will rejoice to learn that their

favorite royal monster-vanquisher has returned, in Shannon Hale and Dean Hale's *The Princess in Black and the Perfect Princess Party*. •The Wall Street Journal The stories are filled with humor and action, and they show that girls, even girly-girls, can also fight crime and be heroes. •Examiner.com Girls who loved the *Pinkalicious* series (HarperCollins) should find this chapter book easy on the eye and paced for the average reader. •School Library Connection

Shannon and Dean Hale are the award-winning husband-and-wife team behind *The Princess in Black*, illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Shannon Hale is also the author of the Newbery Honor novel *Princess Academy* as well as the New York Times best-selling series *Ever After High*. Shannon and Dean Hale live in Salt Lake City, Utah. LeUyen Pham is the illustrator of many books for children, including God's Dream by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams and Aunt Mary's Rose by Douglas Wood, as well as the *Freckleface Strawberry* books by Julianne Moore. LeUyen Pham lives in California.

Another winner. We preordered this and forgot about it - it was such a lovely surprise when it came! My 6 year old LOVES these books, and they're just perfect beginner chapter books. 98% of the writing is phonetic or common words, with an average of 1-2 words a page she has to ask for help with. Since it's so long (yay!), we trade reading pages. She loves the "sound effects" pages and how the princess keeps getting more and more disheveled. I told her we were done for the night after 7 chapters, and she read 4 more on her own! (We're working on her reading stamina, so that's a big deal.) She loves to pretend to be the princess in black. I love that these books celebrate a princess who is girly, athletic, courageous and kind.

I pre-ordered this and it came in the mail yesterday. My daughter got home from school and soccer practice and was wiped out. She saw the book and devoured it. She sat in the mud room for 30 minutes without taking her shoes off until she finished the book. These books have just the right combination of words and pictures for a first chapter book.

I got this for a struggling third grade reader. She loved it. We read the whole series. Then I brought it home and read it aloud to my five year old daughter who absolutely LOVED them. We read them all (again). Our public library happened to have a *Princess in a Black* event this summer - my five year old was too excited. We went and she was able to talk all about the books with the "bigger girls". The

bright colorful illustrations do assist as context clues. There are also lots of opportunities for predicting/inferring. While this series may not go down in history as great literature of our time - it got two different aged girls (5 & 9) to enjoy reading. That's a success in my eyes! We can't wait for the next book to come out in September!

My 5 year old granddaughter loves the Princess in Black stories. They are set in a short chapter book approach that she loves to have read to her at bedtime by mom and dad. She is into princesses and super heroes right now so these stories are the perfect mix. The illustrations are wonderful and the stories are written in a way that makes her look forward to bedtime!

LOVE LOVE LOVE My 6-7 year old cousin has had a very hard time "enjoying" reading. It is a negative thing in her mind for whatever reason. I try to get her into fun books and we hit the freaking jackpot with this series! Some of the words are tough for her to get quickly, but we sound them out together and she smiles while reading it. I am VERY happy to see that.

We LOVE the Princess in Black series. The story is so cute and we LOVE Leyuen Pham's illustrations. I have been a fan of her work for a while now. I love the fact that the princess is dressed in black instead of your usual pink when she's fighting crime. This book was my favorite of the 2 because the illustrations were even more colorful and vivid the 2nd time around. I loved meeting all the other princesses. My daughter liked learning all the names of the different flowers. I can't wait for the 3rd book in the series!

I bought this book at the request of my grandchild who is in second grade and must read for homework every night. While I only bought two of "The Princess" books, she loves them. I like them because the stories keep her interested and she will read for her entire 30 minutes without putting up a struggle.

I'll start by saying that this is one of my all time favorite early chapter book series and all libraries that serve young readers should have it. Not only is Princess Magnolia the perfect blend of beautiful, kind, sparkly princess but she's also rough and tough when she needs to be. After all, those monsters don't seem to speak any other language, although hysterics seems to have an impact as well. Princess Magnolia does her best to be in two places at the same time (her birthday party and the goat field) but things just get harder and harder until finally she just loses it. I think

anyone whose been pushed too far can relate to Magnolia's frustration, adult or child. I've also found when reading this out loud (which is an utterly delightful experience, especially if you use varying tones) that girls and boys love this equally. And why not, it's got enough princess frills to satisfy the softest heart and enough fighting and action to satisfy the adventurous heart. Highly recommended.

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