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The Princess Diaries



Synopsis

The first book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Princess Diaries series by Meg Cabot. Mia Thermopolis is pretty sure there's nothing worse than being a five-foot-nine, flat-chested freshman, who also happens to be flunking Algebra. Is she ever in for a surprise. First Mom announces that she's dating Mia's Algebra teacher. Then Dad has to go and reveal that he is the crown prince of Genovia. And guess who still doesn't have a date for the Cultural Diversity Dance? The Princess Diaries is the first book in the beloved, bestselling series that inspired the feature film starring Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews.

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Customer Reviews

Meg Cabot's 'The Princess Diaries' seems somewhat fantastical. The idea that a young girl can find out she is heir to the throne of a small country and its fortune is not something that happens everyday. Yet Cabot writes in a realistic and appealing way, showing that Mia Thermopolis, despite being anything but the picture of a princess, can adapt like the best of them - even if it's under

duress. When Mia's father shares that he can no longer have children and then reveals his princely status, Mia is floored. She doesn't understand how there is any way that she has royal blood in her. It becomes increasingly evident that it's all the truth when Mia's grandmother, the dowager princess and present leader of Genovia, comes to town to give Mia "princess lessons." Concerned that her newfound royal status will ruin her longtime friendship with best friend Lilly, Mia avoids telling her about it. When word leaks anyway, she is found in a mess, dealing with paparazzi, mean girls turned nice, and the interest of popular boy Josh Richter, whom Mia has been interested in for as long as she can remember. Lilly's brother, Michael, also plays into the revelation, talking to Mia even when she and Lilly are on the outs. Add in that Mia's mom is dating her algebra teacher, Mr. Gianini, plus the fact that she's flunking algebra and realizing that everything isn't what always meets the eye, and Cabot has set up the equation for a disastrous but salvageable first couple months of school. Mia just has to see herself for who she truly is and how she can use that to her advantage. Even though it was a big part of the book to have Mia flunking algebra and trying to save her grade through after-school study sessions with Mr. Gianini and Lilly's brother, Michael, the algebra equations throughout the book (which were supposed to be part of Mia's journal) were somewhat distracting. The book would have worked well without them. Otherwise, the story moved along nicely and set up Mia for a fascinating first couple months of freshman year of high school. Beth Rodgers, Author of 'Freshman Fourteen,' A Young Adult Novel

Nothing will ever be the same for Mia Thermopolis. Her biggest problems in life are failing Algebra and her mom dating her Algebra teacher. And then her father drops a bomb on her. He's the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality. That makes Mia a princess and, since her father cannot have any more children, she will one day rule Genovia. Suddenly her life includes princess lessons from her not very pleasant to be around Grandmere, trying to hide the whole princess thing from the kids at school, and a big fight with her best friend Lilly along with lots of extra Algebra practice. When word gets out that Mia is a princess she is afraid her worst fears will be realized. The Princess Diaries is told through diary entries written by Mia. While these entries are usually interesting, they are often very repetitive. While this is probably very accurate for a 14 year old girl's diary, it gets a bit boring to read the same thing over and over. Discovering you are a princess is probably every little girl's dream so the story is very relatable. I recommend this book for middle and high school kids.

I really enjoyed "Princess in the Spotlight" by meg Cabot. This is book 2 in the Princess Diaries

series and I thought it was an enjoyable and clever read. It's a great series for young adults and fans of the royal genre. Happy Reading... enjoy!

I really was hoping to fall in love with this book. I saw the movie and while I knew it would not be like the book I was hoping for a little more. This entire book is written by days that she writes in her journal. This book is so choppy that I am glad I did not pay for it. I was going to look into the rest of the series but not now. If this book could have been written as a book, not journal pages it would have been ok.

I forgot how great this book is. It's easy to read, relates to every teen girl with teen girl problems, and is so funny. I'm so glad I found it again.

Just re-reading an old favorite from middle school, it is as engaging and wonderful as ever! Please read it if you want something lighthearted

My book came right on time as expected and was in great condition. All of the pages are intact and the cover is protective. Yay!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! It drew my attention because I've seen the movie before, and I LOVED it. All of the twists that were included were very distinct. I've always ADORED Meg Cabot's work!! I cannot WAIT to get started on the next book in the series!! I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys Rom-coms and is willing to be committed to reading it. I am a total book-worm and haven't read anything like this before and find the complexity of the plot and overall story very intriguing! If anyone is considering buying this book, don't hesitate! It's amazing and you won't regret reading it! That's a promise! Happy reading!

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