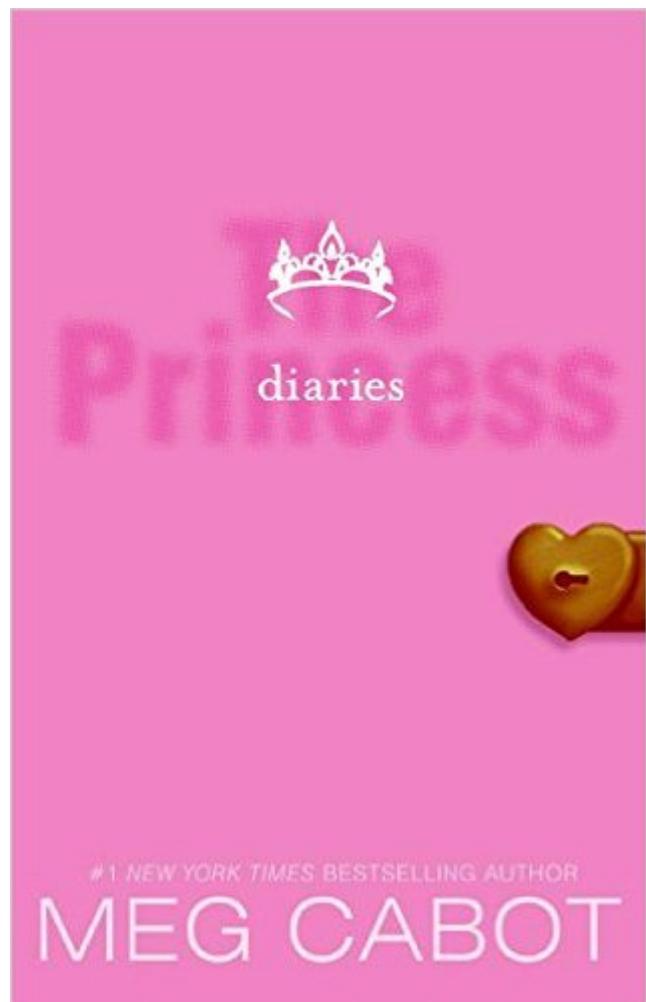


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# The Princess Diaries



## **Synopsis**

What? A princess?? Me??? Yeah, right. 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?

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## **Customer Reviews**

It's been a month since Mia got the shock of her life and found out she was a princess, and the sole heir to the throne of Genovia. But things haven't gotten any easier - in fact, they've gotten even worse! It's bad enough that Mia's mom is dating her algebra teacher, Mr. G. - but then she announces that she's pregnant! And then her mom and Mr. G. announce that they will be getting married! Of course, with all these horrible things happening, Mia thinks it can't get any worse - until an utterly humiliating interview with her appears on TV and her Grandmere begins to plan a royal wedding for the happy couple. But if anyone can get through all this, it's Mia, who tells it all in her journal, in her usual, hilarious style. This wonderfully funny book continues Mia's story, right from where the first book left off. I can't wait to read the third book in the series.

It's pretty obvious that Mia doesn't really enjoy being the princess of Genovia. I mean it's pretty stressful for any 14-year-old. She has to take Princess lessons, have a body guard follow her

around and one day she has to inherit the throne of a country she's only visited. But now to top it off Grandmere has thrown in another ball for her to juggle, interviews. When Grandmere plans an interview with one of the most famous newscasters Mia freaks. And of course she makes a complete fool of herself. And at the same time she has to deal with her mother's new pregnancy and marriage (thanks to her Algebra teacher). And to top it off she has a secret admirer. Could it be Michael, Lily's brother who she just adores? Or is it someone scary? But knowing Mia it will be the most entertaining Halloween you've ever read about. I found this book to be even better than the 1st book. In this story Mia is put in the spotlight (yet again) and has to try to deal. I enjoy these books so much because Mia not only has to deal with being a princess, but a normal teenage girl. Her writing style is humorous and makes me reflect on being a freshman and how awkward it was. If you like funny books and diary books (as I always have) read this one. You won't regret it!

One of my guilty pleasures is young adult literature. (Maybe it's the kid in me.) I didn't expect this book to be any great masterpiece (it's not). It is somewhat enjoyable, if a bit frivolous. No real surprise. I was, however, surprised by adult themes in a book marketed to young girls. The book is VERY different from the (cleaned up) Disney movie. If I had an elementary school aged daughter there is no way I would want her reading this. I'm not sure I'd want a high school aged daughter reading it, for that matter. As the book series progresses, the adult themes are more and more pronounced. With much of book eight devoted to whether or not Mia will "do it". Before you buy this book for a young reader, please take the time to read (or at least skim) not only this book but later books in the series. If you are thinking of buying this book for someone who liked the movie, you might be disappointed. I agree with others who recommend "A Royal Pain" by Ellen Conford, as a clean alternative to this book. If your child does read (or has already read) this book, you might want to take the opportunity to discuss the adult topics in the book, rather than letting the author alone shape your child's perceptions on such important subjects. Ultimately, it's up to you.

The Princess Diaries gets two enthusiastic thumbs-up from me! This book was extremely cute and funny. The writing was very "authentically teenage" and the characters were an absolute treat. A very quick read and enjoyable to the last page. High school freshman, Mia Thermopolis, just wants to be normal... Oh, and to have the school's hottest guy, Josh Richter, to fall madly in love with her, but she knows THAT will never happen. Then something very terrible happens: her father, after finding out he can no longer have any other children, tells Mia she is the heir to the throne of his small, European home, Genovia. Excuse me?! So that would make her...a PRINCESS!! Most girls

would fall all over themselves with excitement, but for Mia, who just wants to be your average teenage high school freshman, vows to keep this disturbing news all to herself. Well, as if THAT would ever happen...So cute, so refreshing, so fun to read. Deals with regular adolescent tribulations, as well as some that only happen in dreams, i.e., becoming a princess overnight. I highly recommend The Princess Diaries to teens and grown-ups alike. It has all the best qualities and is a great way to spend an entertaining afternoon. I am not even kidding.

This book kept me amused long after the final page was turned. It tells the story of Mia Thermopolis, who lives with her mom in the suburbs. Her parents are divorced, and her father lives in Genovia. In the story, she learns that her father is a prince--the prince of Genovia! Because her father cannot have any more children, Mia is heir to the throne! In the book, she finds this out and tries to deal with it. The book is written in diary format, which made it enjoyable, because it let me see her thoughts day by day. She is very much like a real teen, at times going overboard with guys, style, and friends. Mia's attitude was well written, the author did a good job finding out how a teen thinks. These things together led me to rate this book a four. I would recommend this book to any girl over age twelve, who like to read about other teen's lives. Because this story revolves around a teenage girl, if you're a guy, this book will most likely not be interesting to you. Also, there are a few spots in this book that wouldn't be appropriate for girls under twelve. All in all, The Princess Diaries is a great read that will keep you smiling until the last page.

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