Girl Power: Princess Picture Books

Beaton, Kate. The Princess and the Pony. When Princess Pinecone gets a cute-and-cuddly critter instead of a warrior steed for her birthday, she’s disappointed, but soon discovers that the pony has powers of its own.

Coyle, Carmela L. Do Princesses Scrape Their Knees? Who says princesses can’t play soccer or do belly flops? This brightly illustrated story describes everyday princesses having fun.

Emmett, Jonathan. The Princess and the Pig. Once upon a time there was a royal mix-up, and a baby was accidentally switched with a pig. Will Princess Priscilla stay on the farm or return to her royal life?

Falconer, Ian. Olivia and the Fairy Princesses. Well-known for her individuality, this plucky pig is determined not to be a sparkly princess like everyone else and instead pursues her own unique—and hilarious—path.

Hale, Shannon. The Princess in Black (series). These easy chapter books star the proper-seeming Princess Magnolia who secretly exchanges her frilly pink gown for a black mask and cape whenever monsters threaten. (J-Fiction)

Heide, Florence Parry. Princess Hyacinth (The Surprising Tale of a Girl who Floated). Hyacinth floats away unless weighted down by her clothing, so her parents are afraid to let her play outside. Everything changes when she meets a kite-flying new friend.

Kemp, Anna. The Worst Princess. Princess Sue has been awaiting Prince Charming for ages, but when he arrives, he’s not what she expected. Instead, she befriends a fiery dragon and makes her own happily ever after.

Joosse, Barbara. Lovabye Dragon. A lonely dragon follows a trail of silver tears to find a lonely princess and the two become great friends.

Lum, Kate. Princesses Are Not Just Pretty. Three perfectly primped princesses are on their way to a beauty contest when they discover that there are more important things than looks.

MacHale, D.J. The Monster Princess. Entranced by three beautiful princesses who live in a mountaintop castle, Lala leaves her underground cave and goes “up, up, up” for a visit. Does she have what it takes to be a princess?

Munsch, Robert. The Paper Bag Princess. When a mean dragon destroys her castle and kidnaps Prince Ronald, feisty Princess Elizabeth outsmarts the beast and rescues the prince, only to discover that Ronald is less than charming.

Sauer, Tammi. Princess in Training. Better at karate-chopping and skateboarding than being prim and proper, Viola decides to polish her royal skills at Camp Princess. However, when a dragon threatens the realm, she learns it’s better to be yourself.

Wilcox, Leah. Falling for Rapunzel. Rapunzel can’t quite hear the prince when he asks her to throw down her hair (and tosses her underwear instead), resulting in a series of funny miscommunications and a surprising— but satisfying—ending.

Yolen, Jane. Not All Princesses Dress in Pink. These can-do princesses play sports, fix things with power tools, pedal bicycles, and splash in the mud—all while wearing their sparkly crowns.

Underwood, Deborah. Part-time Princess. During the day, she is a regular girl, but at night she is a princess who fights dragons, performs circus acts, plays leap frog, and much more.

All titles shelved in J-Easy unless otherwise noted.