

A Kingdom Far Away

Princesses, Princes, Castles & More

for
Middle Readers
9-12 years old

The Castle Corona by Sharon Creech

A peasant brother and sister long for a different life and to see the spectacular Castle Corona. They find a peculiar pouch that may hold the key to their wish.

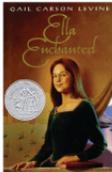


Dealing with dragons by Patricia Wrede

Cimerone, bored and annoyed with the rules and etiquette involved in being a princess, runs away to live with a dragon named Kazul and helps him to dispel the evil plot of the local wizards.

Ella enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

In this variation on the Cinderella story, Ella is given the gift of obedience at birth by a fairy and then comes to realize the difficulty of obeying every order.



The frog princess by E.D. Baker

Princess Emeralda meets a friendly frog who insists that he is an enchanted prince. When the princess provides the "kiss" to change him back, she is changed into a frog.



The goose girl by Shannon Hale

Princess Anidori becomes a goose girl to survive until she is able to reclaim her true identity after it was stolen from her by her guards and a wicked lady-in-waiting.

Dragon castle by Joseph Bruchac

Fifteen-year-old Prince Rashko must defend the castle while the King and Queen are away and the evil Baron Temny and his army arrive.

Fairest of all by Sarah Mlynowski

Abby and her brother go on a time travel adventure into the land of Snow White when they are transported by a magic mirror.



The false prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen

An orphan named Sage competes with other orphan boys to act like the prince with the victor going to the castle in Carthya to impersonate Prince Jaron.



The hero's guide to saving your kingdom by Christopher Healy

Four princes, all known as Prince Charming in famous fairy tales, band together to banish evil in the fairy tale woods.

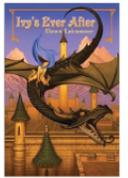
Hostage prince by Jane Yolen

When Prince Aspen is held hostage, he escapes and joins forces with Snail as they hope to prevent war in their kingdom.



Ivy's ever after by Dawn Lairamore

Princess Ivy and her dragon, Elridge, run away to escape being locked in a tower to await a prince on her fourteenth birthday.



Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Since the prince will choose his bride from the village of Mount Eskel, fourteen-year-old Miri and other girls from her village go to the academy hoping to be chosen.

The princess curse by Merrie Haskell

Reveka is an herbalist's apprentice at the castle and becomes curious about a curse on 12 princesses and eventually discovers the underworld.



Princess of the wild swans by Diane Zahler

When her brothers are turned into swans by their mean stepmother, Princess Meriel must sew special shirts to release them from the enchantment.

Rump: the true story of Rumpelstiltskin by Leisl Shurtliff

Rump's mother died when he was born and he has never known his full name. When he discovers that he can spin straw into gold and becomes involved in spinning for the miller's daughter, he goes on a quest to find his true name.

The secret history of Tom Trueheart by Ian Beck

When Tom's older brothers are trapped in the Land of Stories featuring characters such as Cinderella and Rapunzel, he sets out on a daring and dangerous adventure to rescue them.



Sleeping Beauty's daughters by Diane Zahler

When Princess Aurora pricks her finger, she and her sister, Princess Luna, go on a journey to find the fairy godmother who can reverse the spell, so that Aurora will not have to sleep for 100 years.

The tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread by Kate DiCamillo

A young mouse named Despereaux Tilling falls in love with the Princess Pea, is sent to the dungeon and vows to save the princess from the wicked rat, Roscuro, when the princess is also placed in the dungeon.

The thirteenth princess by Diane Zahler

Zita is banished to live with the servants when her mother dies, but when she discovers that she has 12 sisters who are under a magic spell requiring them to dance all night, she sets out to rescue them.



The wide-awake princess by E.D. Baker

On her 16th birthday, Princess Gwen pricks her finger on a spinning wheel and the kingdom goes into a deep sleep. Her sister, Annie, who is resistant to magic, must find the prince to wake Gwen up and save the kingdom.