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Princess in Love

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Reviewer: Laura M. Beck

Reading Level: Young Adult

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Fiction; Fantasy fiction

Subject: Princess--Fiction; Diaries--Fiction; Humorous stories; Books--Reviews

Once again, Mia Thermopolis, otherwise known as Princess Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo, is in trouble. Oh, it may seem like things are perfect—after all, she is a princess and finally has a boyfriend, two longstanding dreams of most fourteen-year-old girls; however, Mia spends most of her time trying to (a) not fail algebra; (b) keep Kenny, her hapless boyfriend, from kissing her; (c) prepare to meet the Genovian populace over Christmas break; and (d) figure out a way to get Michael (whom she has had a crush on for forever) to notice her! It is too much for one girl, princess or not, to handle!

Fans of the first two *Princess Diaries* will like this latest addition and be glad to note that Mia actually does achieve some “self-actualization” in the end of this one. As long as one is not looking for pearls of wisdom (or even deep thought), this frothy, funny read is a great choice. Seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls should love it.