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Disney Princess Chapter Book: Jasmine—The Missing Coin

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Review

Jasmine wants to surprise her husband Aladdin for his birthday with the final missing coin of his beloved coin collection. The day of his birthday celebration, she and her tiger Rajah fly on the Magic Carpet to a nearby city Zagrabah to retrieve it. All seems to be going well until the Magic Carpet all the sudden breaks down, leaving the Princess and Rajah stranded in the desert. After moving past some dangerous creatures and enlisting the help of some kind camels, they arrive in Zagrabah, find the man who gives them the coin, find another man who fixes the Magic Carpet, and then all fly back to the palace together. Aladdin is thrilled about Jasmine’s surprise, and he and his friends go off to enjoy his huge birthday celebration.

The format of this book features large, easy-to-read text on durable, glossy pages, and occasionally there are pleasant, full-color pictures that illustrate what’s happening in the story at that moment. There’s not a whole lot of mystery, but there is some conflict throughout that all gets resolved in the end, and it’s enough to keep a child wanting to turn the pages. Also, like many Disney products, the book carries a prosocial message with plenty of positive interactions and relationships. Overall, this is a simple and fun chapter book that would present a pleasant challenge for young readers, especially those who are fans of Disney princesses.