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How the Queen Found the Perfect Cup of Tea

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Book Review

Title: How the Queen Found the Perfect Cup of Tea

Author: Kate Hosford

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Rating: Outstanding



Review

The queen begins and ends her day with maids doing everything for her. They comb her hair, dress her, and make her tea. When one day she hates her tea, she decides to take a voyage to find the perfect cup of tea. She and her butler travel in a hot air balloon to numerous foreign lands, where the queen learns new ways to make tea and begins to help in the preparation. At the end of her journey, the queen learns the satisfaction that comes from work, the freedom that comes from relaxation, and the enjoyment that comes from sharing.

Early elementary school children will love *How the Queen Found the Perfect Cup of Tea*. At an age when sharing is hard, doing things for yourself is difficult, and playing with strangers is a new concept, five- to six-year-olds will be both entertained and instructed on how to care for themselves and others. The simple, engaging, and somewhat 'hip' illustrations will enthrall young minds, and the flow of the story will allow them to participate and anticipate.