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## Book Review

# My Name Is Victoria

### Author

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### Illustrator

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### Reviewer

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### Rating

Dependable

### Level

Intermediate, Young  
Adult

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372

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Ten-year-old Victoria (Miss V.) Conroy is sent to Kensington Palace to be a companion to the young Princess Victoria. Sir John Conroy, Miss V's father and comptroller of the royal household, has devised the Kensington System, a strict order of life designed to keep the princess isolated and under the control of the adults around her. At first, Miss V trusts that the system is there for the protection of the princess, but as the two Victorias grow older and closer together, Miss V starts to doubt her father. Princess Victoria is resentful of her restricted life and longs for the freedom she will have when she comes of age and ascends the throne. The tension grows to a head when the two girls meet Prince Albert, and Miss V has to make the ultimate decision and sacrifice for the good of her country and her queen.

This story flows very well and is a fun, easy read about the young Princess Victoria's life until she comes of age. The book starts off strong with an enjoyable first half, but then seems to lose its steam and drags a bit in the latter half. While the characters are well developed, Miss V seems lacking in a strong personality and is, frankly, not very interesting. In reality, Miss V Conroy and the Princess Victoria were probably not very great friends (according to Queen Victoria's diaries of the time), but Lucy Worsley's what-if take on the story is refreshing and lovely. The plot twist is a bit predictable, but all in all this is a great book for younger YA readers who love historical fiction.