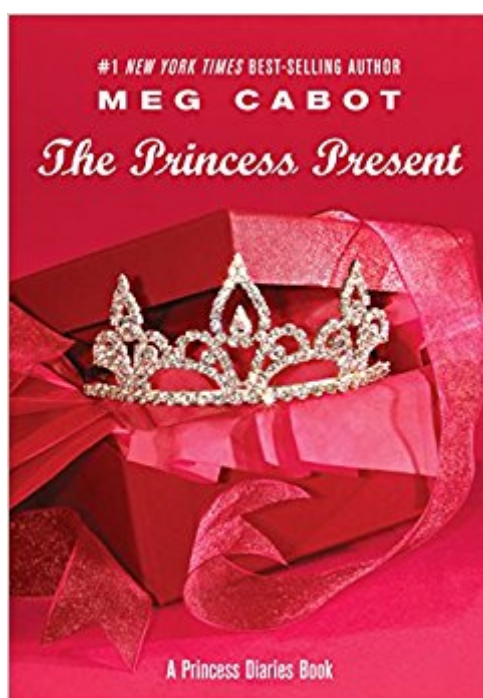


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Synopsis

Mia would give all the jewels in Genovia for the perfect present. Every year, Princess Mia spends the holidays in Genovia with Grandmère. This year, she's looking forward to the most perfect Christmas ever: her boyfriend, Michael, and her best friend, Lilly, are coming to Genovia, too. But even a princess's plans can go awry. Lilly has a lot to learn about palace protocol, and with all the state holiday functions Mia must attend, there's no time to linger under the mistletoe with Michael. Worst of all, Mia hasn't been able to find him the perfect gift. Can Mia stop her (bah-hum)bugging long enough to see that the perfect present has nothing to do with international express courier -- and everything to do with real love? (Though some shiny silver ribbon never hurts ...)

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Customer Reviews

Meg Cabot was born in Bloomington, Indiana. In addition to her adult contemporary fiction, she is the author of the bestselling young adult fiction *The Princess Diaries* and *The Mediator* series. Over 25 million copies of her novels for children and adults have sold worldwide. Meg lives in Key West, Florida, with her husband.

My daughter loved the book. I ordered the entire series for her.

Princess Mia is celebrating Christmas in Genovia with her Grandmere, father, and her visiting best friend Lily and boyfriend Michael. A touch of the Gift of the Magi and some soap opera in the form of rebellious Lily, the short novella is a nice addition to the series. It's interesting to see this wonderful

heroine in the country she will one day rule. Grade: A-

I love it because this is a great book to read. I really like this book of what's happening Mia and her friends.

My daughter is a HUGE fan of the princess diaries. This is a well written book. She loved it. Thanks

This is a short novel in the delightful Princess Diaries series by Meg Cabot. If you have not encountered these books about the American girl who discovers she is Princess of Genovia, you obviously have no pre-teen or teenage girls in your life (although it would be hard to have missed the ads for the movies made from the series.) I ran across my copy (acquired when we still had young girls in the house, hence the slightly aged publication date) while I was supposed to be doing a closet reorganization. The book is short, and re-reading it made a perfect excuse to delay house cleaning! Plus it made a perfect argument for my spouse in the ongoing battle about never opening a book during a chore, since I have been known to stand in one spot, aimlessly polishing a hole in the counter (a la Jeff Daniels in "Pleasantville"), as I read. The action in this book has irrepressible Mia (played by Anne Hathaway in the Disney movies) in Genovia for Christmas. The bad news is, she has princess duties to perform: shaking a traditional olive branch in the fireplace to bless the hearth, entertaining other young royals (including Britain's Prince William), and helping her Grandmãre (elegantly portrayed in the movies by Julie Andrews) rule Genovia. The good news is, she gets to invite her American best friend Lilly, and her heart-throb, Lilly's brother Michael. As always with Princess Mia, her plans go awry. Lilly's rude t-shirts and casual approach to palace protocol set Grandmãre's teeth in a grim line. Michael doesn't seem the least bit jealous, even when Mia dances with Prince William. She has a little problem with a stray cat. And she's having trouble finding the perfect Christmas present for Michael. With notes of O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi", and many sly allusions to the movies ("...movies that aren't strictly FACTUAL, if you know what I mean..." the young lady reminds us), this book is an excellent choice for the bookshelf of your daughter, niece or grandchild—especially if she is already familiar with Mia, Princess of Genovia.

I thought this installment of the Princess Diaries series, the in-between holiday short book, was an entertaining read. It's always nice to read some of the things we miss out on hearing from the Princess Diaries books and the holiday season has never really been tackled in the season so it

was a nice new thing to see. The main things going on in here are Mia and Michael's gift giving plot (if you didn't see the Gift of the Magi plot coming a mile away when Mia mentioned selling Fiesta Giles, shame on you) and Lilly being at her absolute worst and rudest here. I've never been a big fan of Lilly in the books (she's not so bad in the films comparatively) but here she was probably at her most immature, which is saying A LOT. I don't get why this had to be the main purpose of including Lilly in this book cause, to be honest, it just made me dislike her more especially since she never actually learns anything from the good lesson Mia explained to her. It never ceases to surprise me how many times in the series Mia asks herself why she puts up with Lilly, when there really is no good reason. My favorite part in the novella was when the tourist told Grandmere that she'd enjoy scrapbooking. It's such a funny idea to picture Grandmere doing that. She's always such a riot!

This book was GREAT! It takes place at Christmas time which makes it a perfect holiday book. For all you big Princess Diaries fans, it sequentially takes place AFTER book 6 (which comes out next year). But enough of the technical stuff. Here's a summary: Lilly and Michael are coming to Genovia for Christmas. Lilly knows nothing about palace protocol and insults Mia's cousin Prince Rene, shocks Prince William, and gets one of the servants fired! To top it all, a fight that Lilly caused leads to the breaking of a very valuable heirloom. As you can imagine, Grandmere was furious. The end is really ironic. I won't tell you what it is but it has something to do with Michael's present. This book was HILLARIOUS! Every page has something to make you laugh. Lilly's attitude to Prince Rene made me laugh out loud. All the mentions of real royals were really good (imagine this: Prince William snapping pictures with his cell phone camera in order to blackmail a certain relative)! This book is guaranteed to light up your day. You'll be laughing your head off. This book is a perfect read for the holiday season, no matter what holiday you celebrate. If you are a Princess Diaries fan already or if you have just started reading them, this book is the perfect thing to add to your collection.

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