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The Paper Bag Princess (Munsch For Kids)



Synopsis

This bestselling modern classic features a princess who rescues a very snooty—and ungrateful—prince.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Elizabeth, a beautiful princess, lives in a castle and wears fancy clothes. Just when she is about to marry Prince Ronald, a dragon smashes her castle, burns her clothes with his fiery breath, and prince-naps her dear Ronald. Undaunted and presumably unclad, she dons a large paper bag and sets off to find the dragon and her cherished prince. Once she's tracked down the rascally reptile, she flatters him into performing all sorts of dragonly stunts that eventually exhaust him, allowing her to rescue Prince Ronald. But what does Prince Not-So-Charming say when he sees her? "You smell like ashes, your hair is all tangled and you are wearing a dirty old paper bag. Come back when you are dressed like a real princess." (At least he has the courtesy not to mention that the princess's crown resembles a dying sea anemone.) In any case, let's just say that Princess Elizabeth and Prince Ronald do not, under any circumstances, live happily ever after. Canadian author Robert Munsch celebrates feisty females everywhere with this popular favorite, and Michael

Martchenko's scratchy, comical, pen-and-ink drawings capture the tongue-in-cheek quality of this read-aloud crowd pleaser. (Ages 4 to 8) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

The tale of a princess who, although faced with adversity, saves the day and wins the prize. A charmingly-illustrated tale of strength for princesses of all ages. (Mari Farthing MetroFamily Magazine) Some of the best children's books ever written have been about girls -- like The Paper Bag Princess. (New York Times) A great girl-power story. (Carol Sjostrom Miller Familyfun) One of the best princess stories ever told, Elizabeth turns the princess stereotype on its head, empowering young girls to be true to themselves. (Elizabeth Shaffer BC Parent)

I love this story and read it as a child. I ordered it for Christmas for my girls and was so disappointed when it arrived. It is not a regular sized book like I had as a girl, but a tiny book that is the size of my palm. Looking over the description, I can see that if you click the "read more" link at the bottom, it does say that this is a mini book, but I really think it should be stated clearly in the page title.

Have you ever worn a paper bag? What would you do if it rained? The author, Robert Munsch, continues with his wonderful books. The author has a keen sense of humor, and if the ending doesn't fit how you think, it is always the best. In this book, Elizabeth the Princess has a wonderful life, she has beautiful expensive clothes, she lives in a big castle and is going to marry Ronald the Prince. Then, one day, the big bad Dragon comes along, burns down the castle, steals her clothes and carries off Ronald the Prince. The Princess found a paper bag and decided to wear it. Then off she went looking for the Dragon as he left destruction in his wake. Parents/teachers will enjoy reading this book to their children. The children will be laughing at the funny language and the Princess's antics. There are lessons to be learned, and it is not the usual ones. The illustrations by Michael Martchenko, are bright, vivid, and beautiful. This story is so funny that everyone who reads it will love the ending. Recommended. prisrob 04-23-15

I absolutely love reading this to my daughters. It helps break the stereotypical gender ideas in fantasy to show the strength girls/women can have not only in the face of a "standard" princess issue, but also the strength to change one's mind when presented with new information/upon having an epiphany.

It is the prince that gets kidnapped by a fiery, fire-spewing dragon. It is the princess that gets to go and try and rescue the prince in distress. The princess has nothing to wear except a paper bag, and hence the title of the book. What happens next is a mix of intelligence, spunk, and a don't-take-nonsense attitude from our young princess. A welcome change from the fairy tales where the princess has nothing to do but pine for the dashing brave prince to rescue the princess. The book is beautifully illustrated, with a couple of lines of text for each full-page color illustration. I purchased and read the Kindle e-book version, and on your computer or tablet, the book is a treat to read.

It's ridiculous that you have to dig through the "read more" description to find out that this book is unnecessarily tiny, about 3 inches by 3 inches. Whomever designed this must not know anything about small children. My niece wanted to hear the story and look at the pictures but literally could not see them because everything was too small, so the present was completely useless. The size should be on the main description, not hidden in the detailed description. The book itself, though, is fantastic! We need more books like this for little ladies. I'm adding one star because it was very easy to get a refund and another because the book itself is very good, but that description is very misleading.

This story is fantastic. My daughter is like most little girls, she loves Disney Princesses and although I like them too I am not overly fond of the message they send. This story is a wonderful and funny way to counter that message. The problem I have with the ACTUAL product is the size. This book is tiny, itty bity, minuscule, etc. If I put this "book" in my purse it will disappear and never be found again. If your child likes to hold the book while you read to him/her, you will have an issue with the size of this little paperback. Granted, it is a cute size to behold, but totally impractical. If you can find a larger size, buy it. I have attached a photo of the book next to a penny and a business card so you can get a good idea of how small this book really is.

I just used this book to show my 5 year old son, who plays too much Skylanders (we're working on it), that it doesn't necessarily take braun or weapons to defeat a foe, but brains. I also love reading it to my nieces who get way too much gender conformity nonsense shoved at them. It's short. It's funny. It's girl-powered. My husband and I love it. My 5 year old son thought it needed Skylanders. Oh well.

This is, of course, an excellent book and my go-to birthday present. However, I was very surprised to discover upon its arrival that this version I ordered off was a miniature version. Like 1 inch by 1 inch! Just make sure and check the size before ordering.

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