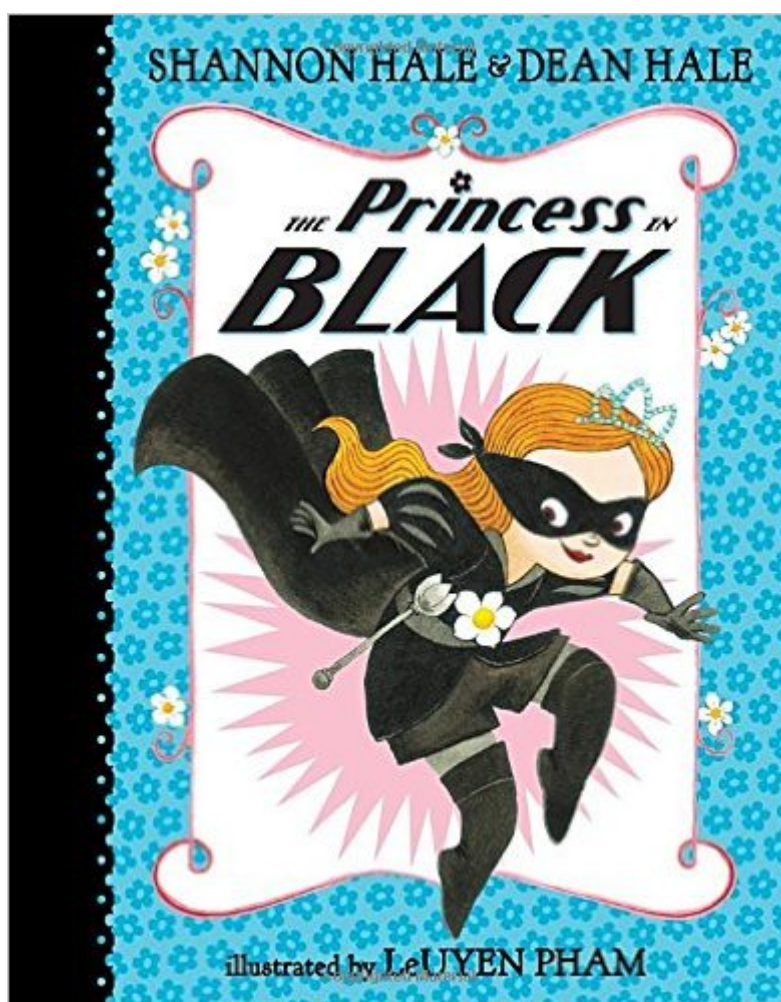


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# The Princess In Black



## Synopsis

Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black! Princess Magnolia is having hot chocolate and scones with Duchess Wigtower when . . . Brring! Brring! The monster alarm! A big blue monster is threatening the goats! Stopping monsters is no job for dainty Princess Magnolia. But luckily Princess Magnolia has a secret - she's also the Princess in Black, and stopping monsters is the perfect job for her! Can the princess sneak away, transform into her alter ego, and defeat the monster before the nosy duchess discovers her secret? From award-winning writing team of Shannon and Dean Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham, here is the first in a humorous and action-packed chapter book series for young readers who like their princesses not only prim and perfect, but also dressed in black.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

We borrowed this from the library for my Kindergartener. She loved it so much we read it straight through, then read it again, and then that night when I went in to check on her one last time I found her holding it close in her sleep. I should also note that we are just now entering the super-hero

stage in our family with my 3 year old son, so my little girl has gone from watching Disney movies over and over (Rapunzel is the favorite) to Spider-Man and Captain America. "Why are there no girl Super-Heroes?" she asked. I introduced her to Wonder Woman, White Tiger, Batgirl, Supergirl, etc., and she shrugged. She can't really connect to those super-sexy, all-grown-up, major-attitude types. I recalled reading about Shannon Hale's new book for younger readers. I liked what she'd done with Princess Academy, so I thought I would give it a go for my girl. I did not anticipate the amount of love this book would receive - she cried when she had to give it back to the library (the request list is still long here). She decorated her pumpkin for a school contest to look just like the Princess in Black. I surprised my daughter with her own copy this last week, and her eyes just lit up. The book currently lives under her pink pillow. My girl LOVES pink, and princesses, and superheroes. This book is NOT about rejecting princesses, or even rejecting the pinkness of girls. This book is about being a hero and saving the day. This is Zorro for little girls. Princess Magnolia - pink clad perfection in her castle - The Princess in Black when danger lurks in the kingdom! Give it a chance. My three year old boy loves this book and we look forward to another, especially if it features the Goat Avenger. :-) And more monsters to fight! My two year old daughter has been running around saying the Princess in Black's signature move: Twinkle, Twinkle, SMASH! It's a book our whole family loves.

My first grade daughter loved this book so much she read it twice in one day. She is reading the early chapter books and this was on her level. This fantasy-adventure book has many colorful illustrations and extra-large font. The story line moves quickly. I read through the book and found that it is something unique among other stories for this age group: multiple plot lines occurring simultaneously, unexpected developments, and a tidy ending for a book of it's length and depth. It has a strong lead character who is a princess and an adventurer.

Princess Magnolia can sip tea in a pink dress with the best of them, but when she's needed to keep the monsters in Monster Land, it's off with the frills and on with the black tights and cape as she and her trusty steed Frimplepants ride to the rescue. This story is light-hearted fun to read aloud to ages 4-5 or so, and slightly older readers will be delightfully challenged by words like scepter and disguise, if reading on their own. About me: I'm a middle school/high school librarian how I got this book: sent to me by the publisher

We need more chapter books with lots of pictures! This was the perfect book to help my daughter

transition from picture books to chapter books. Thanks Mrs. Hale!

There are lots of nice pictures to guide the reader and keep the attention. It's action packed and has a few good lessons like: ask nicely and say please, girls can be heroic, tough, and ladylike, and everyone has secrets but they're not all bad. Most of all, it is very fun to read! Features of the book helpful for my daughter on the autism spectrum with dyslexia.. The pages are sturdy and have a nice smooth texture. The font print is dark, large, and spaced enough to use with overlays. Story changes quickly enough to keep attention.

I'll be honest: I bought this book for myself. I love everything Shannon Hale has written and even though my daughter is not yet 3, I just had to get it. The day it came, I brought it out at bedtime thinking I would read her a couple of pages and then she would lose interest. I was totally wrong. I ended up reading her almost the entire book that night and we have read it through several times since. I will say, she loves books and we read her several books a night normally so her attention span when it comes to books may be slightly advanced. The book is still amazing! Our girl equally loves dressing like a princess and wrestling with her cousins, Elsa and Superman, ect. A tomboy princess. And books about those girls are few and far between. You have to be one or the other, but not with the princess in black! I love the message of this book that you can be girly AND a super hero. Really, that you can be whatever you want. I am so looking forward to more of these!

Very cute story. Me and my 7 year old took turns reading it - only a few words were troublesome for her. Mainly the character names.

My 8 year old daughter loves this book. We can't wait for more! The illustrations are amazing.

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