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Meet Sofia, a little girl who lives a rather ordinary life. But everything changes when her mother, Miranda, marries the king. Overnight, Sofia becomes a princess, moves into the castle, gains a step-brother, a step-sister... and the ability to talk to her new animal friends thanks to a magical amulet. Now, life is anything but ordinary for Sofia the First.

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Jenni Arndt says

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Sofia The First was a book that was quickly grabbed by my daughter on one of our trips to chapters. She was quickly taken with the sparkles and the super cute princess on the cover. There was no way I could say no so we came home and read it. In the end this was a cute story, but I think it had a lot of missed potential.

Sofia is a regular girl whose mother recently married a king. Becoming a princess is wreaking havoc on Sofia's nerves as she struggles to fit into the role and live up to her new step sister, Amber. Sofia looks for help along the way and gets it from the sorcerer of the castle (who is really no help at all) and the one and only Cinderella teaches her a bit about dealing with unruly stepsisters. I had expected a cute story about Sofia shaking things up in the palace and making the royals realize they didn't need to be so stuffy all the time. But what we got was Sofia's struggle to fit in and the lessons that make her perfect, and then she ended up being just that. My daughter did let out a few chuckles throughout and really enjoyed the wonderful illustrations but I would have liked to see Sofia being accepted for who she was, rather than becoming the perfect princess.

While I was disappointed in the direction Sofia's growth took, I did enjoy her coming together with Amber and them working together to find a solution. This is a cute story with no real lesson to be had. It definitely has cute drawings, but don't look for anything too deep in this one.

Kendra says

Not my kind of book, BUT... This could be a great way to transition kids with Disney princess addictions to something with a little more depth. Since it's published by Disney, it includes real drawings of Cinderella and the three fairies. Might be able to sell them on that fact.

Could also be a good one to give to girls who are dealing with a remarriage. Mix the fun of princesses with the other issues of having new siblings and a new parent (but not very deep in to these issues!).

Overall the story was pretty shallow and felt more like reading a 10 year old's made up story of "If I was a princess..."

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Jordan says

A disconcerting mash-up of Cinderella and Rachel Dratch's recurring "Debbie Downer" character on SNL.

A self-deprecating child who evidently sucks at everything, including wearing frilly dresses (hey, girl, we've all been there), can't make it through a family party without magical intervention.

I think I resorted to fermented "magical intervention" once or twice in college, if you know what I mean.

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Cynthia says

I love Sofia the first. I think it's a great show for kids and has really good lessons behind each of the stories. This was a very cute picture book. Some of the pages lacked interesting backgrounds, or any background at all but I understand that simple is sometimes better in children's books.

Monica says

Super cheesy but the girls will love it.

Aini Ainayya says

Ilustrasinya cantik. Tapi ... Cinderella tiba-tiba nongol, seriously? ?

Nikki says

This book was cute but could have been done so much better. The pictures were awful and many of them didn't look like the characters from the TV show. The writing was really choppy and the story jumped around a lot. It was interesting that the story was done completely as if Sofia was telling it herself but it needed to be done so much better than it was. This book was ok but it was definitely not one of my favorite Sofia books.

Ojifinni damilola says

Interesting storybook

Kristen says

We saw this book at the library and had to pick it up. Sofia the First is one of my daughter's favorite characters and TV shows. We're currently watching the whole series on Netflix to watch in the episodes in order - we usually catch episodes on Disney channel but they're out of order.

I had always wondered how Sofia had gotten her amulet and why she was called Sofia the First. While the TV show does have an episode where Sofia describes the King giving her the amulet as a welcoming gift, I still just felt they needed to tell the story sooner than that.

Well apparently they did - in book version. This book was published several months before the TV show first aired in January 2013. This book tells the story of Sofia coming to live in the castle and learning to get along with her new step-siblings, her step-sister in particular, and struggling to fit in with Royalty having not been born in that world. At the end of the story, you also find out how the show ended up being called Sofia the First.

If you picked this book up hoping for a more thorough plot, I could understand you being disappointed. While it does show growth between Sofia and Amber's sister relationship, there isn't a whole lot else. However, if you're reading this knowing it is the set up for the premise of the TV show, I think you'll be happy like my daughter and I were.

If your child likes Sofia, this book won't disappoint.

Wirotno Nofamilyname says

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Sally says

Cute illustrations with modern elements in the narrative, but the story just doesn't pull my heartstrings. The writing reminds me of fan-fiction and lacks that authentic voice. I would say it's definitely a must have for those entranced by the Disney Princess genre, though.

Stevie says

Obviously written based on a Disney show. It was a boring read and it's only redeeming quality for me was the idea that Sofia had more inside her head than the standard princess fluff. Despite my qualms, my four year old "princess" lapped it up and begged for more. Winner with the little crowd, but a snooze for the parent.

Lusitarius says

Sofia Ensimmäinen -tarinat päätyivät meidän lukemistoon ja elokuvahyllyyn pitkällisen välttelyn jälkeen. Näin jälkikäteen en edes muista, miksi alkuun niin kovin pyrin välttelemään tätä Disneyn nuorta (ja uutta) prinsessaa. Olen ollut kovin hitaasti lämpeävä kaikille *Disney Channelin* tuotoksille, minkä uskon olevan perimmäinen syy myös Sofian välttelyyn.

Prinsessa Sofia -tarinat ovat kuitenkin hyvin hyväsydämiä, auttavaisia ja lämminhenkisiä. Vaikka tarinoissa sattuu ja tapahtuu, niissä ei ole mitään turhan jännittävää tai pahansisuisia. Varsinkin nämä kuvakirjat ovat kauniisti kuvitettuja, herkkiä ja omalla Sofiamaisella tavallaan hyvin suloisia. Tekstillä on leikitelty niin alkuperäisessä kuin tässä käännettyssä versiossa.

Kirja on prinsessafanien ja alle 3-vuotiaiden ehdottomia suosikkeja.
