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Princess Emily is excited about her first Grand Ball, but she'd rather be on the zip wire in the castle grounds than trying on dresses. Her three friends feel the same, so they slip out after dinner. A zip wire in the dark is excellent fun! But things take a serious turn when the girls find a trapped deer in the forest. Who would do such an awful thing, and why?

## **The Secret Promise Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Secret Promise for online ebook**

### **Leeldoo says**

My princess fanatical 4 year old is in love with this book. These princesses include all the fancy trappings-- ball gowns, tiaras, velvety cloaks, but also have a sense of adventure-- exited to play on a zip-line and working together with others to help animals. This book promotes more than a princess being a pretty face-- statements about using your brain to figure out problems and working together to help others encourage self esteem and Provide excellent role models as well. Also,there is a full size picture every couple pages to help keep little ones focused on this early chapter book

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### **XIS Grade 3 says**

Saoirse: I liked it because they saved a baby deer, and found the people that made the trap. And will promise to save any animals in danger. And made new friends.

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### **Jenna Knepp says**

I didn't really think it was good

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### **Sara Truog says**

Quick and cute chapter book about a princess who goes with her parents to a ball, and meets up with several other young princesses. The new friends band together to fight injustice when they discover an animal in trouble. Pretty dresses, sweet animals, and ninja moves - what's not to like? Great girl power for girls in grades 1-3. Nina likes this series, but says this one (the first) is her favorite.

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### **Kathleen Dixon says**

I read this a couple of months ago as part of my plan to read at least of each of the popular series for children that we stock in the bookshop (where I work part-time), and decided that the grandchildren would enjoy it being read to them. James is 6 and Zenobia is 5, and so as part of their (home)schooling they've been listening to this over a few weeks. I'm not sure James was that interested, but, on the other hand, he didn't complain. Zenobia, like many 5-year-olds, just loves princesses, so she was thrilled with it. She's been wearing her own tiara all around the house, and when she wore it on our walk up to the library the other day, she was delighted with the greetings she received!

We will be reading more of the series - the princesses do love their gorgeous clothes, but also love things like outdoor climbing frames and learning to be ninjas. And they determine to work together to rescue any animals in distress. So, plenty of girly stuff, plenty for stretching outside of that, and a lovely caring-for-

those-in-need message.

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## **Angela Lambkin says**

### **What a great suspense story of how they became rescue princesses.**

I enjoyed this story with some suspense in it and the four princesses who became rescue princesses when they heard then seen a young deer who was crying for help ... A very clean read ebook that I feel that 7-10 olds and perhaps older who loves to read how some young princesses ants to rescue, protect and care for any animals in danger or needs even protection as this one deer and others were in mortal danger.

For all of these reasons mentioned above and plus wish to recommend this for five stars and for those 7-20 &+.

I received this by having to pay for it as it was in KU, which I wish it was as I would be glad to read and review your other books from KU, free or from our public library. But in return to hopefully encourage this to happen, here now is my honest review. Super work Paula! By Sunny.

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## **Tima says**

Princess Emily travels to the castle of Mistberg with her parents. She has finally reached the age of nine years old and is now allowed to attend the Mistberg Grand Ball. She is excited to meet the other princesses. The four princesses are soon good friends and work together as a team to rescue at little fawn. But someone evil is planting traps in the forest and none of the adults will believe the girls. The princesses must work together to solve the mystery and save the deer of Mistberg Forest. As the first book in the series, the plot sets the tone and introduces all of the princesses. It ends with the girls planning to keep in touch, which provides a sufficient opening for the next book in the series. The story flows well and showcases compassion for animals, team work, and trusting friends. The illustrations were lively and entertaining. Girls will be able to relate to the princesses and the story of helping others.

I received this book free of charge from Children's Lit in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Scott says**

My daughter and I liked the princesses' resourcefulness, courage, and compassion. The plot I thought was only fair, and the non-princess characters weren't very well-rounded (which is admittedly a very minor flaw--since this is the first book in a series the author understandably wanted to concentrate on developing the main characters). Unfortunately one result is that none of the male characters are strongly developed, and the most important ones aren't exactly good role models (there's the bratty prince, the well-intentioned but naive ruler, and of course the villain).

The princesses, though, do their part to carry the story, using everything from technical/magical skills to ninja moves to solve the problems that confront them.

There's little to no violence or other potentially objectionable content, so it's equally suitable for early elementary kids and for reading aloud to slightly younger kids (5+, or 3-4 year olds with long attention

spans). Clearly marketed to girls; most boys would be resistant for that reason or because of the lack of strong male characters, but boys who are willing to give it a try might appreciate the action and intrigue. All in all, a good choice for those looking for active, positive princess stories.

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### **Randomfish says**

Five Year Old really enjoyed this one from the start, as it contains two things she loves: Princesses and Ziplines!

Since she herself is frequently found fishing or climbing trees in a tutu or pretty dress, she really enjoyed these princesses. She enjoyed the elaborate descriptions of their fancy ballgowns, but also enjoyed (and is now practicing)the "ninja skills". :)

This one took us three evenings of reading to finish, but had enough adventure that it kept her interest from the very start. As a bonus, it's lovely to have a book about a princess with curly red hair instead of the requisite blond.

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### **Lisa says**

I picked this book up at the school book fair to read to my princess-obsessed four year old as our first "chapter book". It was quite cute. The story is the first in a series, so it obviously has background building on how these four princesses come to be friends and become "The Rescue Princesses". While the plot was predictable from an adult perspective, my daughter still loved it and so until the library has the next book available, we will apparently be rereading this one. Here's hoping it comes soon :)

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### **Maddy says**

This book is amazing animals and princesses are amazing together.

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### **Amy says**

Rescue Princesses is going to be a great new series for younger girl readers. I can see the Rainbow Magic fans eating this series up.

These rescue princesses aren't your normal girly girl princesses. Yes they love the fancy dresses, the amazing hair, and all the jewelry, but they also want to have some normal fun. Such as taking park in a boys versus girl optical course races with the princes. In this first Rescue Princesses book, the princesses are on a mission to save the deer of the kingdom from illegal trappers. By quick thinking, planing, and a little ninja training the princesses save the deer and help find out who the trappers were.

A quick, simple, adventurous read great for any younger reader.

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### **Ashley Covington says**

Emily is visiting Mistberg Forest, where there is so many deer and wild animals. King Gudland rules and he is a great King. Emily is so excited because she gets to go to a royal ball and bow to the twenty royal families. You can only do it when your nine. This is Emily's chance to do it. When she gets there, she makes new friends! They go on epic adventures. Emily finds a baby deer in the forest stuck in a deer trap. But it's legs are so tiny it didn't get a scratch but it's leg was hurt really bad. Emily and her new friends are determined to help the deer of Mistberg Forest and to find the person who is setting the traps! Emily and her friends make a secret promise to help animals in need!

I love that series! It's all about adventure and animals. I love animals! I want to give almost all the books I've read and including this one, 1,000,000,000,000, stars!!!

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### **Alicia Evans says**

I could see this series being of interest to early chapter book readers, as it deals with both princesses and adventuring. The princesses like dressing up and having princess duties, but they like taking charge and saving animals more. They even get some ninja skills to help. I wasn't extremely impressed with this, but I could also see the appeal for this age group. I'm not sure that I will need to read the rest of the series though.

For: fans of fantasy and royalty stories; animal lovers.

Possible red flags: sneaking and disobeying grown ups (to do what they feel is right).

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### **Dharia Scarab says**

My love of reading started when i was young, and it gives me immense pleasure to provide books to Spread the Word Nevada, an organization that passes them on to children in the community. They are a terrific organization supporting an important cause. If your local I encourage you to check them out. For those living further a field, look in your own community, their may already be a similar program in place. And if not, you can always help start one.

<http://spreadthewordnevada.org/>

Myself, I go out on the weekends and shop thrift store and bulk book lots to rescue books and donate them. Sometimes I'll find a book I remember reading when I was young and will read it again before passing it on.

I don't rate these books using my normal scale, instead I give most of them three stars. This isn't a Criticism of the book, simply my way of rating them as good for children.

