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Inconvenient monster alarms, a sparkly array of princess guests, and spot-on slapstick pacing make for a party readers will celebrate.

Today is Princess Magnolia's birthday party, and she wants everything to be perfect. But just as her guests are arriving . . . *Brring! Brring!* The monster alarm! Princess Magnolia runs to the broom closet, ditches her frilly clothes, and becomes the Princess in Black! She rushes to the goat pasture, defeats the monster, and returns to the castle before her guests discover her secret. But every time Princess Magnolia is about to open her presents, the monster alarm rings again. And every time she rushes back--an inside-out dress here, a missing shoe there--it gets harder to keep the other princesses from being suspicious. Don't those monsters understand that now is *not* a good time for an attack?

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Mary Mckelvin says

It's a cute series.... I just love how her ring glows to let her know the monsters are coming. Its the princess in black job to protect the village animals. She has to try to keep her guest entertain why she go fight monsters. It's hard because she have to keep her identity a secret. I know its under age for Jada but she really like the series and it gives us something to discuss.

Katy says

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Tiff at Mostly YA Lit says

I LOVED The Princess in Black and have given it to so many children in my life already, so I was excited to delve into the first sequel. In this installment, Princess Magnolia is about to celebrate her birthday with a fun party. With twelve other princesses from various realms showing up soon, she gets a ring from the monster alarm. And then gets it again. And again. How can Princess Magnolia balance her work with fun, all while keeping the other princesses from figuring out her secret? An adorable sequel to The Princess in Black, showing just how hard superheroes need to work. I loved the fact that the other princesses were of various cultural and ethnic backgrounds; the illustrations were perfect, with a vintage feel that never felt dated. My only qualm with this one was that (view spoiler). Overall, very fun, and continues the theme of princesses being badass.

Rashika (is tired) says

****This review has also been posted on **The Social Potato***

I would like to start this review by saying that if you don't think princesses can wear black, we cannot be friends.

Shannon Hale is one of my favorite authors ever so I was really excited to dive into this book. I wanted to see how this chapter book would compare to all the other novels I had read by Shannon.

In a very short summary, this book was cute, but it was also so great. I feel like this is what all the young kids these days should be reading. **About a young princess, who is clearly badass and not afraid to fight the monsters.**

My only complain would be that the young princess had to hide her badassery from all of her other princesses. At one point, I was so sure that one of them would become her sidekicks and when that didn't

happen, I was a little sad. Never the less, Magnolia was an awesome princess and I hope we get to see another story that features her and her adventures.

This is such a fun chapter book and if you're probably not going to read it yourselves, it would always be a great book to gift to kids. ;)

Note that I received an ARC of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Dana says

This is yet another fabulous adventure in the life of Princess Magnolia - a sparkly, beautiful princess with a secret life as a ninja superhero monster fighter. I just love that. On the day of her birthday party to which she had invited 12 other sparkly princesses as her guests, the monster alarm goes off repeatedly and she has to slip in and out of disguise as the Princess In Black, sneaking away from her party guests to save the goats from being eaten by monsters. Along with her faithful steed, Frimplepants the unicorn, who transforms to Blacky, the Princess In Black's faithful pony, she struggles to fight monsters without having her party guests figure out her secret. She distracts her guests with fun games and races in order to do so. The illustrations are cute and the story is totally awesome! This book is excellent for beginner readers and is totally fun for all readers to enjoy. I received this book free to review from Netgalley.

Laura says

My little girl isn't the typical princess loving type. She is more into pirates, knights, dragons and swords than anything. I feel like these books were made for her. She loves the fact that the princess, has a secret identity and can go and fight off monsters. Very cute.

Melle says

Page 8 -- WHAT?! WHAT IS THIS?! Oh, no, no, no, please, please, please do not tell me you have the Pan-Plains-ish-Amerindian princess in fringed freaking buckskin and riding a deer.

Page 27 -- She still looks a little hippie-interpretation-of-Plains-cultures, but maybe this won't get worse?

Page 29 -- She's eating a sandwich. Maybe we're in the clear?

Page 55 -- Y'know, I think this is trying to be culturally diverse, but I don't know if it's succeeding. It looks a little culturally weird for other nations, too.

Page 57 -- So, Native Princess Zinnia named her stag Santa Bear. Really? I can't even.

Page 83 -- I'm sorry, but Princess Z looks a little Land-o'-Lakes-y light.

Page 89 -- I know this is trying very hard to bring everybody together and that it's fiction and princess fiction and not supposed to be taken super-seriously, ****BUT**** the main character is white, and the minor

characters of princesses of color seem to rely on stereotypes. Do we have to relegate little kids of color to see themselves in stereotypes? I'm just not very okay with this.

I love -- repeat LOVE -- the first volume of this series, but I couldn't read this one with an uncritical eye, and I'm having some serious apprehensions about recommending this to kids.

Alexandra says

Quick read before bed tonight. Just like with the first THE PRINCESS IN BLACK book, I thought this was a really cute read, appropriate for ages 5+ I think. While it looks like and is presented as a chapter book, it's more like a picture book in my opinion. It almost went by too fast. Also, I didn't like that it repeated some of the stuff that happened in the first book. I know that this is a series for small children but I think it deserved a little more substance. Kids notice. That being said, I know this may sound like a negative review but it's not. I still recommend trying it out on your princess fans. Ultimately, the illustrations are what bring the story to life and the Princess in Black herself is pretty fierce.

Lydia says

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Lou Anders says

Another fun adventure of the Princess in Black. These books are aimed at the 5 to 8-year-old reading level and a very slight but have a slide hammer peeking through.

Kaethe says

Some people can't stand the whole princess thing, others haven't lost it even though they've grown up; I never thought of myself as being afflicted with the desire, but then I really enjoyed a series of books called Castles Ever After which might as well have been commissioned by some sort of Secret Adult Princess Division of Disney. Both the daughters came down with a case when they started preschool, one traditionally (so much Belle merch) the other with an edge (Zombie Princess), and both gave it up in favor of other, more literally kick-ass heroines. These books are perfect for that phase: the swashbuckling and monster-fighting will appeal to nearly all kids, the princesses are a diverse lot, there's a disability addressed as no big deal, and they are funny enough for adults to read repeatedly as they will no doubt be forced to do.

Write on, Shannon Hale, long may you reign as Queen of the Kickass Princess!

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Jody says

My daughter loves this series!

Debbie Barr says

This is the perfect series to help budding readers transition out of picture books into early chapter books. bright illustrations, fun characters, and interesting vocabulary make this a great book for any young reader.

Kelsey says

Age: 2nd-3rd grade
Transitional Reader

It's Princess Magnolia's birthday and all her princess friends are coming over to celebrate. As Princess Magnolia's monster alert ring keeps beeping, she must distract her guests with party games while she races off to protect the goats and fight off the monsters. One princess in particular attempts to solve Princess Magnolia's numerous disappearances but her character is flat and her investigation is dropped for a quick ending.

Regardless, kids that love superheroes but also love the color pink, princesses, and frilly accoutrement will enjoy this unique offering from the ever successful Shannon Hale.

Esther says

The Princess in Black and the Perfect Princess Party was a bit more repetitive than the first book, but still super cute! I can't wait to read book three! :)
