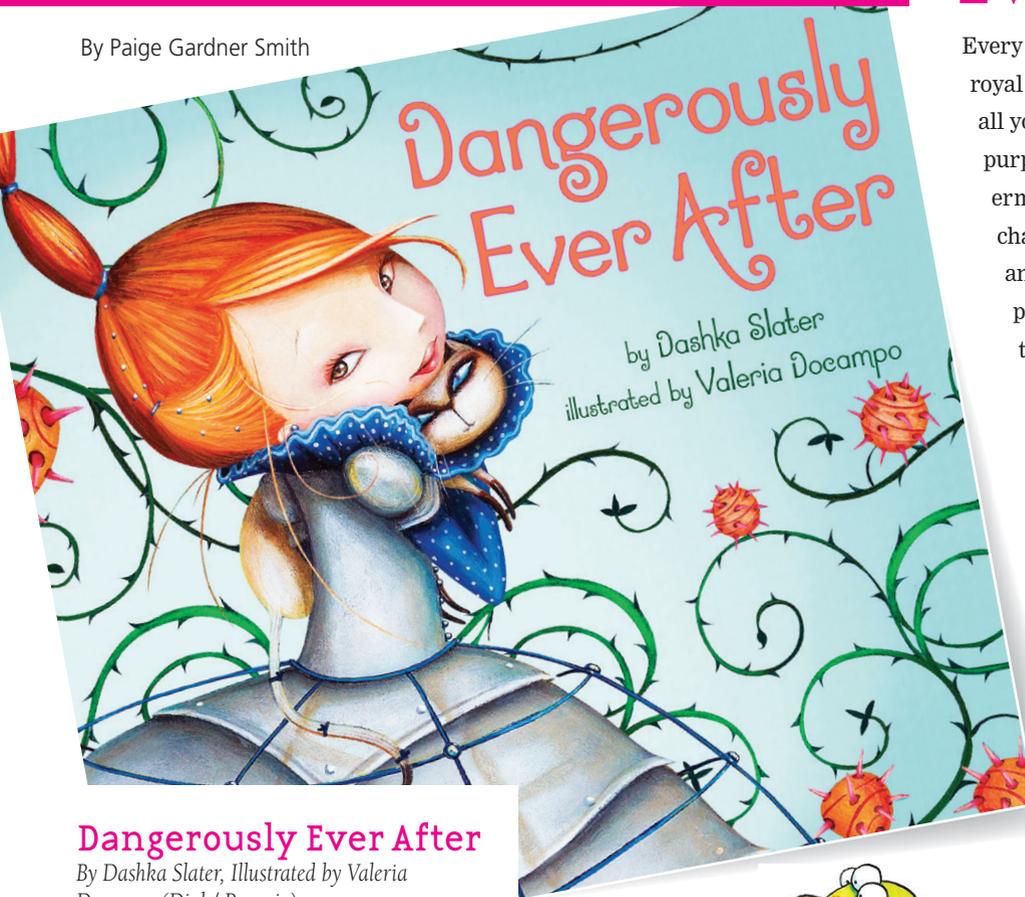


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RECOMMENDING THE BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

By Paige Gardner Smith



## Dangerously Ever After

By Dashka Slater, Illustrated by Valeria Docampo (Dial / Penguin)

From pet scorpions and brakeless bicycles to her collection of broken glass and daggers, Princess Amanita's tastes are a bit edgy among young royalty. Her garden is lush with stink lilies, swinging mace vines (look out!) and needled cacti. But when young Prince Florian rolls by on his bike, he's not put off by her dangerous garden. He wants to make friends, so he gifts her with a lovely bouquet of roses from his own garden. Without a terrible odor or razor-sharp leaves, Princess Amanita puzzles over the roses... until she discovers the thorns. She asks Prince Florian for rose seeds to plant in her own garden, but instead of roses, Princess Amanita gets a crop of 'noses' that sniffle, snore and disturb the whole castle. Hitting the road to return the troublesome blooms to Florian, Amanita gets lost and only something that "smells good" can help her find her way. With lush and capricious illustrations, *'Dangerously Ever After'* is a delightfully unconventional princess story!

## You Can't Eat a Princess

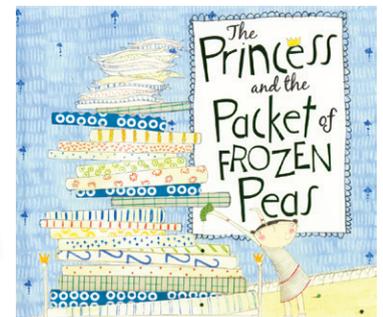
By Gillian Rogerson and Sarah McIntyre (Price Stern Sloan / Penguin)

Every kind of amazing chocolate dessert is being laid out for Princess Spaghetti's party when she discovers that her father, the King, has been abducted by aliens from outer space! She asks for the royal guards to help with a rescue mission, but they are not brave enough to go. The princess takes matters into her own hands, going after her father with a plan to get him back before he becomes the aliens' main course. Using every bit of the authority and diplomacy that comes with her role, Princess Spaghetti takes the lead on the King's rescue, finding a sweet solution that will keep him off the aliens' menu in the future. Putting the lie to the damsel in distress, *'You Can't Eat a Princess'* is a delicious addition to every little girl's book menu.



## PRINCESS OF EVERY KIND

Every little girl is entitled to her measure of royal treatment as a little princess, but not all young ladies are cut from the same royal purple cloth. Some may want to wear the ermine-trimmed gown, while others prefer to chase the ermine through the woods, catch it and tame it. The following titles introduce princesses who break the mold (a bit) from the gently-reared stereotypes of pampered, gently-spoken damsels in distress. Introduce your young reader to princesses who cut through the princess fluff and make their own way, on their own terms with royal flair!



## The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas

By Tony Wilson and Sue deGennaro (Peachtree Publishing)

Prince Henrik knows he must someday marry a princess, but he doesn't know how to find the right one. His married brother suggests placing a pea under layers of mattresses and inviting candidates to sleep upon them. He says only the most sensitive and delicate of princesses will detect the pea underneath. But Henrik's brother's princess wife appears to be merely thin-skinned and touchy. Henrik wants to find someone who is just the opposite; a princess who likes camping and hockey, a girl who smiles and is resourceful and kind. So Henrik tries his own variation on the "pea" method on visitors to the castle. With a thin sleeping bag and a packet of frozen peas, Henrik hopes his test may just weed out the 'delicate' princesses from the one who is tough enough to be a real princess. Whimsically illustrated with collage, gouache and pencil, this light-hearted approach to matchmaking will delight princes and princesses alike.