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# Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?



## Synopsis

Every inquisitive little girl wonders what it is really like to be a genuine princess. At the heart of *Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?* lives an energetic, spirited, and contemporary child who has lots of important questions for her mom. Do princesses ride tricycles, climb trees, do chores, or have to eat the crusts of their bread? The mother's voice is timelessly reassuring as she answers her daughter's questions and advises her that being like a princess has to do with what we are on the inside. This heart-warming book offers a gentle lesson about self-acceptance, and will inspire children to follow their dreams and leave their own mark on the world.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

As a father, I enjoy nothing better than reading to my kids. It is such a wonderful way to connect and be involved in their lives and development. This book lights up the imaginations of little girls, not that they aspire to become princesses after reading it, but rather that they already ARE princesses! The book innocently introduces the child to her real self, and makes it OK to be just that - no need to pine away to be someone you aren't. If everyone could adopt that perspective, the world would be a much more loving place, and people would enjoy life with contentment and self esteem. Amazingly simple, yet profound. Thank you Carmela!!!

I don't like surprises when I order the kids books so I'm going to ruin it for everyone who does. On every page is a question for a girl to her mother. Then the last 2 pages make the book. She asks "Mommy, do princesses seem at all like me? Look inside yourself and see..." next page "A princess is a place in your heart." And then it has one of those kid proof crazy mirrors, but a mirror that works. It is just so sweet and makes me tear up almost. A must have for all of the princesses!!

Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots by Carmela LaVigna Coyle is the companion book to Do Princesses Really Kiss Frogs? A feisty little girl asks her mother all the must-know questions such as, do princesses ride tricycles, climb trees, walk in the rain, do chores, eat bread crusts and wear hiking boots? Then the important question; do princesses seem at all like me? The answers to these compelling questions are answered in rhyme by a caring mother in a thoughtful yet light-hearted manner. The illustrations are colorful, sassy and delightful. Children will be drawn to them and want to continue to turn the pages. Coyle has written a book that children will want to read again and again.

This book has a great message for girls, one that all the Disney Princess hoopla seems to miss. While I understand what the person said about it not being a reading book my response is, "So what!" Some important messages can be stated simply and with few words but they remain important nonetheless. Not every book needs to be a reading/vocabulary builder. Books that help with self-esteem, especially for little girls, are few and far between and very, very, necessary. Lastly, the illustration is terrific.

What does it mean to be a princess? That is the theme readers explore as they move through each vignette in this charming book. On the left hand side of each double-page spread, the main character – a spunky little girl – asks her mother a question such as, "Do princesses climb trees?" and "Do princesses have to do any chores?" On the right hand page, the mother answers, always in the affirmative. The rhyming text is cleverly and colorfully illustrated with cartoon-like line drawings. Each scene captures perfectly the spirited and likeable main character. At the conclusion of the story, the little girl asks her mother, "Mommy, do princesses seem at all like me?" to which her mother replies, "Look inside yourself and see." When the reader turns the page, there she finds a framed mirror, with her own face reflected, and beside it the words, "A princess is a place in your heart." A fitting and perfect ending to a winning tale. Reviewed

My three-year-old daughter loves anything that has to do with princesses, as I'm sure most young girls do! She loves for me to read to her as much as I love it so I figured I would look for a princess book that we didn't already have for part of her birthday present. Prior to this book, we didn't have any books written by Carmela LaVigna Coyle but I'm pretty sure that will be changing soon! This book is made of thick, glossy board book pages with colorful, fun illustrations and a cute story. At roughly 32 pages, the story is short enough for little attention spans which is perfect for a young toddler! I also noticed that this book is part of a series so we will most likely be purchasing more of the Princess Series books in the near future! This book is about a little girl who asks her mom all kinds of questions about princesses and what they do. On one page the little girl asks the question and on the opposite page, the mom answers in a rhyming way so when the two sentences are read together, they form a short rhyme. The little girl asks her mom if princesses climb trees, do any chores, and eat the crusts of their bread, just to name a few. They are basic questions about what any child would do and it shows that any girl can be a princess which I think is a really awesome way to tell a story. I love the way the story ends with "A princess is a place in your heart." Overall, I'm very pleased with this book and plan to buy some more from the Princess Series in the future. I would like to buy board books for as long as possible so they hold up longer and we already had all of the other ones that appeared in my initial search for princess books so I was delighted to find several more books that fit my needs! My daughter said she loves this book and I'm happy with it so we would recommend it to anyone with a little girl who loves reading about princesses!

The illustrations are charming. Having written that, I have to say that I regret having purchased this book for my granddaughter. While I expected it to break stereotypes - after all, a hiking princess sounds like a strong female role model - it actually reinforces them. Once again, we're given the idea that it is perfectly acceptable to judge girls (and women) by their appearance. One page even mentions having a "bad hair day." The last page is the kicker, though, because it has a large, shiny mirror that the reader can use to decide for herself whether or not she looks like a princess. Ugh. If you are interested in a story about a princess who defies stereotypes, buy *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert N. Munsch instead.

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