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The Princess Game: A Reimagining Of Sleeping Beauty (The Four Kingdoms Book 4)



Synopsis

They call her the Sleeping Princess, but Celeste is far from asleep. Celeste has been cursed since her sixteenth birthday--just not in the way the rest of the kingdom thinks. All they see is her breath-taking beauty, marred by her foolishness. Only she knows that she retains her brilliant mind. And it's a secret she must keep at all costs. Over the years she's grown accustomed to the necessary deception. After all, her life depends on it. And she's even found a way to protect her kingdom, working from the shadows. But now a dangerous new threat has emerged, one that Celeste can't defeat alone. She needs the help of a newly-arrived prince. One who's altogether too handsome and too charming. Somehow she needs to keep her secret, save her kingdom and find a way to free herself from the curse. The last thing she has time to do is sleep. In this reimagining of the classic fairy tale, Sleeping Beauty, it's only the princess's mind that is asleep. And sometimes appearances can be deceiving. If you enjoy clean romance, adventure and intrigue, then try the books in The Four Kingdoms series now! Each book can be read as a standalone story. However, for greatest enjoyment, they should be read in order.

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- The Princess Fugitive: A Reimagining of Little Red Riding Hood (Book Two)
- Happily Every Afters: A Four Kingdoms Novella
- The Princess Pact: A Twist on Rumpelstiltskin (Book Three)
- A Midwinter's Wedding: A Four Kingdoms Novella
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Customer Reviews

The Princess Game is billed as a reimagining of Sleeping Beauty, but it struck as a clever take on the Scarlet Pimpernel. Like Percy, the hero of the Scarlet Pimpernel, Princess Celeste comes across to her friends and relations as an air-headed fool, while simultaneously directing a disciplined corps of loyal agents in acts of espionage. While Percy's public facade is a character of his own design, Celeste's is forced upon her by a curse. However, the end result is the same. This was not my favorite book of the series, probably because Celeste was not my favorite princess. It is quite good, though, and, if you like Ms. Cellier's other Four Kingdom books, it is safe to say that you will like this one. The author returns to many of the themes that defined the earlier books --- rebellion, redemption, family dynamics, and (obviously) love. There is also plenty of action, including sword and knife play, but without any gratuitous violence. The material is suitable for adolescents, but should hold the attention of many adults. There is an epilogue surprisingly written from the perspective of a relatively minor figure in the story, and it suggests several possible directions in which life in the Four Kingdoms could be further explored. While The Princess Game is certainly a logical culmination of the series --- we have now witnessed the HEA's of all four of the princesses who auditioned for the role of Max's wife in the Princess Companion --- I am sure that I would not be alone in welcoming further volumes.

I've enjoyed each one of the books in this series but after reading the little snippet of Celeste from Midwinter's wedding, I was intrigued by this fresh take on the classic Sleeping Beauty tale and highly anticipated its release! I'm happy to tell you all that I was not disappointed!! The author skillfully weaved a complicated and fascinating plot as well as captured a variety of character's personalities beautifully! I'm truly impressed by the clear talent Ms. Cellier shows throughout this whole book. Looking forward to more enchanting stories such as this one!

I have read all of Melanie Cellier's books and I have enjoyed all of them. The idea of the princess

being aware but unable to freely express herself was brilliant. The attraction between the princess and William is presented quite deftly and the addition of the Aurora character enriches the plot. The end was quite satisfactory and now we are looking forward to the tale of the heir to the throne when he realizes there is a dearth of princesses to choose a wife from. A very good and clean read.

Each book of this series contains the perfect mix of action, intrigue, and sweet romance. I highly recommend this book and the series to all readers.

Unique is the word that comes to mind to best describe this series. I loved all of the books & will definitely be looking for more. A totally new concept on old fairy tales, fast paced, fun, breathtaking & full of action. Thanks for hours of fun.

Well written, good characters, clean, entertaining, what more can be asked? Another excellently written, imaginative retelling of an old favorite.

Fun to read, great adventure, clean romance. Enjoyed the twist on an old fairy tale. Would recommend the whole series.

I love all the book I have read by this author. It's a good, interesting romance that isn't too heavily focused on the romance but is a good engaging story.

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