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### **Amber says**

Wonderful book for little girls! I have given several to the precious children in my life. I love the illustrations as well as the message behind the book. In the culture we live in today it is rare for people to save their affection for the one they will marry. I feel that if children learn from this book now they can save a lot of heartache in the future. The great thing about this book is that even though it described in a fairy tale it can be reality for anyone. This book also shares with children that wealth, appearance, and physical strength do not equal a great person. To be truly beautiful you must be beautiful on the inside.

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### **Saige Holcomb says**

I think The Princess and the Kiss was mostly about love. I like how the princess falls for a farm boy at the end. It was wise how she was thinking about the consequences of sharing her gift, the kiss. It was amazing when she found the right man with the same exact gift that God gave her when she was born.

The princess was wise about making the decision of who she will marry. She was looking at the consequences about the man's personality and how it will affect their marriage in life. She chose the right man at the end someone who was considerate and thoughtful.

I think this book should be recommended for children especially little girls. Little girls should read it mostly because it is about a princess. They also should read it because most little girls dream about being a princess someday.

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### **Amanda says**

#### **On the fence**

I'm very uncertain about how I feel about this book.

I definitely appreciate the heart behind the book, which is to give parents a tool to help them raise their daughters in purity. I give that a standing ovation. And unlike some I don't have a problem with the "kiss" and saving it. I believe most children would recognize the context as a marital one and see on Disney and stuff that you kiss and marry. Kids don't need more info than that - no matter what public schools think - until they are older. I liked how it pointed out the problems of different kinds of suitors in a simple way.

But knowing "the right one" because he has saved his kiss for you? Not so sure...if you're straight up talking about a kiss. I did save my first kiss for the altar (and didn't suffer angst from that choice), but many don't, and while I wish more did I'm not prepared to say it's a sin to kiss before you marry. And even if someone is a virgin it doesn't mean that they're the one for you. God forgives and restores those who have made

mistakes.

This is a book for children, though, so how much do you say? Do you just leave it to the parent to fill in the gaps? It is a fairy tale so realism isn't exactly something we're used to in that vein.

Personally, I checked the book out from the library and don't plan on adding it to our personal collection. I know many have raved about the illustrations, but I was quite disappointed in them. They're a little ... weird? bizarre? I don't find most of them attractive at all, and since I'm on the fence about how I feel regarding the story, the unattractive illustrations make the decision for me.

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### **Shanna Gonzalez says**

"In a wonderful castle, on a mountain of splendor, a beautiful princess was born." Her parents welcome her joyfully, and give her a precious treasure, keeping it for her until her maturity. When she becomes a young woman they take her to the tall tower where the special gift is kept, and present her with... her first kiss. She guards it carefully, examining and questioning the many princes who come to ask for it, and finding each one unworthy. She eventually begins to wonder if any man will be found with whom she can share it with. Finally, a poor young man humbly approaches the royal family and offers her his best treasure... his first kiss. With her parents' blessing, she chooses him to be her husband.

This exquisite parable is delivered in a gentle, lyrical manner, and enchantingly illustrated in a style probably influenced by Maurice Sendak. The two kisses are presented as objects so radiant their form cannot be seen, but they illuminate the entire scene in which they appear. This story dramatizes the beauty of pure sexuality, making a persuasive argument for why young people should guard their expressions of romantic love to share them in the protection of covenant. It will appeal more to girls than to boys, but is still a good addition to any child's library.

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### **Alyssa says**

I quickly read this book when I stopped into a local Christian bookstore the other day, and I'm so glad I took the time to peruse it. This delightful story is about a young princess who was given the gift of her first kiss by her parents when she became old enough to truly understand its weight and importance. After examining and refusing many rich, handsome, and romantic suitors whom she recognized to be unwise choices, she begins to grow discouraged and wonders if there will ever be a gentleman who will appreciate the gift she has carefully saved for him. But she does eventually find love in an unlikely young man who has also saved his first kiss for his bride, and they are able to experience the joy of exchanging their kisses on the day they are wed. The end of the book pictures the young couple with their first child, a daughter, and indicates that they intend to preserve and protect her first kiss for her until she matures and is ready to give it away. This lovely tale of purity does seem to be directed at young pre-teen girls, but I enjoyed the beautiful illustrations and sweet theme at my age, as well. :) It was definitely a much-welcomed and needed reminder for me that it really is worth the wait, no matter how long it may be. 4.5 stars.

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## **Marti King Young says**

This has been a wonderful book to have on our shelves. Reading it to my daughter as she grew gave her a sense of how valuable she was and to weigh EVERY decision carefully. I love it the artwork, the story is simply put, beautiful, and she STILL asks me to read it to her from time to time and she is SIXTEEN. This will be one I will make sure to have on every grandchild's bookshelves.

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## **Angelica says**

My favorite modern fairytale for girls. I've purchased and given away at least twenty copies with personal inscriptions.

Are you tired of the princess stories where the prince shows up, kisses the princess, and off they ride into the sunset? This book actually empowers girls to exercise more wisdom, discernment and discretion before giving her kiss away to the first handsome, arrogant, or rich prince that shows up on her doorstep. This is the kind of girl-empowerment I can embrace! My three daughters are being raised to be confident and pure. My son has benefited from the story as well, learning to be a prince whom a princess can respect, learning to wait for a respectable princess as well.

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## **Elizabeth says**

I adore this book! I picked it out for my high school graduation - my parents were surprised. I hope to someday write a book that is as moving to others as this was to me.

The story illustrates a beautiful picture of how special God's gift of purity is. I love the classical artwork, characters and ultimately the message that it proclaims. It is not your average fairytale. There is no one singing and dancing around about their "true love's kiss." No, this story is a representation of any girl who, with God's guidance, has the perseverance to not give into the temporary promises of pressing suitors. I showed this book to my parents and they were so touched that they had tears in their eyes. This book is dear to my heart and I will treasure it always.

PS - I still have my kiss saved until marriage. Do you?

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## **David says**

The goal of this children's book is to impress upon young girls ("Ages 9-12") to save their "first kiss" for the right guy, and to not give it away prematurely. The "kiss" is a very thinly veiled metaphor for virginity, and is visualized in the story as a glowing orb. The princess in the story does wait, and is rewarded.

It's worth noting that the book doesn't promise that such a guy will come. As the mother explains: "Oh, yes, my dear. I think God will bring a husband to you. But, if he does not, the kiss will be yours to treasure forever."

Clearly this Christian book lines up with the American Evangelical ethic, but does it follow from the

scriptures? Sometimes:

1) "While the princess was growing up, the king and queen kept this precious gift [the 'kiss'] safe in their care."

Yes: In the scriptures, a daughter's reproductive role was her father's property. If a daughter was cheapened by rape (Deut 22:28-29) or seduction (Exodus 22:16-17), the damage was done to her father's assets, and he must be paid. The standard bride-price was thirty shekels of silver (\$423) even if the father refused to give her up. (There are still vestiges of this in American culture, when the father "gives away the bride" at her wedding.) The reduction in her worth to the father was independent of the cause (whether the depealing was consensual or not). All in all, it was a violation of the father's rights.

2) In the story, the princess accepts the farm boy's surprise marriage proposal.

No: Marriages were arranged by the father.

3) The farm boy offers his glowing orb of virginity to the Princess, saying "My parents kept it for me until I became a man."

No: In the Hebrew Bible, virginity is an attribute only of women. The word "virgin" is only used with females (save one reference in Revelation concerning the 144,000 men that will be saved (apparently, no women in that saved group)). The scriptures frequently talk of women who have not known a man, but never men who have not known a woman. Indeed, this book is targeted to girls, not boys.

Incidentally, this resolves another question. If a man of the scriptures only had one globe, to which of his possible many wives would he give it to? Approx 40 men of the Bible had multiple wives, including such heavy hitters as Abraham (3), Jacob (4), David (8 + some concubines), and of course Solomon (700 + 300 concubines). Indeed, polygamy is presumed in the law (Deut 21:15-17), which we'd assume is reaffirmed with Matt 5:17-18.

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### **Maria Jo says**

"Bishop provides a wonderful resource for parents and a delight for children in this story of a princess who discovers the value of her first kiss and experiences God's gift of purity in a way she never dreamed."

5/5 Stars

This is a wonderful book to use to begin to teach girls about respecting their bodies and their sexuality. The book has beautiful illustrations that complement the wonderful story. The princess turns away many suitors who offer her lavish gifts, but pay no attention to her, but she ends up giving the gift of her first kiss to a man who, although he is the gardener, loves her personality, not her title. This book goes along with The Squire and the Scroll, written for boys.

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### **Elizabeth Mundie says**

Lovely "fairy tale" that highlights the beauty of purity.

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### **Shiloah says**

We are blessed to own this book. Such a beautiful message about purity and chastity.

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### **Rebekah W. says**

This book is beautiful, and introduces the virtues of purity and chastity in a child-appropriate way, while honoring the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of marriage.

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### **Karen says**

We were introduced to this book about 3 years ago. It is great. Highly recommend to get the book that has the cd with it so the kids can play it over and over while looking at the book.

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### **Jill Williamson says**

What a wonderful book to introduce the topic of romance with your child. It's important to start talking about love early with children, and tools like these are a wonderful way to do it. This book tells the story of a king and queen who kept the princess' kiss safe until she was old enough to choose who to give it to. She met many different suitors, but was wise enough to wait for one who had saved his kiss for her. Love this book!

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