Princesses (Gr. 5+)

The Counterfeit Princess / Jane Resh Thomas
Vowing revenge when her parents are executed in 1553, teenaged Iris becomes a spy and stand-in for Princess Elizabeth.

A Coalition of Lions / Elizabeth E. Wein
After the death of the High King of Britain and his sons, his daughter Princess Goewin journeys to meet her intended husband, but finds his country in turmoil.

Dealing with Dragons / Patricia C. Wrede
Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons’ kingdom. Book 1 of The Enchanted Forest Chronicles.

Frogged / Vivian Vande Velde
When almost-thirteen-year-old Princess Imogene is turned into a frog, she puts into practice lessons from the book The Art of Being a Princess as she tries to become her less-than-perfect self again.

Curse of the Thirteenth Fey: The True Tale of Sleeping Beauty / Jane Yolen
Accident-prone, 13-year-old Gorse, the youngest fairy in her family, falls into a trap while on her way to the palace to bless the newborn princess, Talia, but arrives in time to give a gift which, although seemingly horrific, may prove to be a real blessing in this take-off on the classic tale of Sleeping Beauty.

Girl in a Cage / Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris.
As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, 11-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, is captured by England’s King and held in a cage on public display.

Snow in Summer / Jane Yolen
Recasts the tale of Snow White, setting it in West Virginia in the 1940s with a stepmother who is a snake-handler.

The Rope Trick / Lloyd Alexander
Motivated by her quest to learn a legendary rope trick, the magician Princess Lidi and her troupe embark on a journey through Renaissance Italy that intertwines adventure, love, and mystery.

The Wide-Awake Princess / E.D. Baker
Annie, younger sister of the princess who would be known as Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic and stays awake when the rest of the castle falls into an enchanted sleep, then sets out to find a way to break the spell.

Anna of Byzantium / Tracy Barrett
In the 11th century, the teenage princess Anna fights for her birthright, the throne to the Byzantine Empire, which she fears will be taken from her by her brother.

The Lacemaker and the Princess / Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
In 1788, 11-year-old Isabelle, living with her lacemaker grandmother and mother near the palace of Versailles, becomes close friends with Marie Antoinette’s daughter, Princess Therese.

A Royal Pain / Ellen Conford
When a 16-year-old from Kansas discovers she is a princess, is taken to a tiny European monarchy to assume her duties and marry a distasteful neighboring prince, she tries to become such a “royal pain” that everyone will want to be rid of her.

Entwined / Heather Dixon (YA DIXON)
Confined to their dreary castle while mourning their mother’s death, Princess Azalea and her eleven sisters join The Keeper, who is trapped in a magic passageway, in a nightly dance that soon becomes nightmarish.
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Into the Wild / Sarah Beth Durst
Having escaped from the Wild and the preordained fairy tale plots it imposes, Rapunzel, along with her daughter Julie Marchen, tries to live a fairly normal life, but when the Wild breaks free and takes over their town, it is Julie who has to prevent everyone from being trapped in the events of a story.

Once Upon a Marigold / Jean Ferris
A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

Sphinx’s Princess / Esther Friesner
Nefertiti’s dancing abilities, remarkable beauty, and intelligence garner attention near and far, and her family is summoned to the Egyptian royal court.

Princess of the Midnight Ball / Jessica Day George
A retelling of the tale of 12 princesses who wear out their shoes dancing every night and of a former soldier who follows them in hopes of breaking the curse.

Palace of Mirrors / Margaret Peterson Haddix
14-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.

Just Ella / Margaret Peterson Haddix
In this continuation of the Cinderella story, 15-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming’s proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

The Seer and the Sword / Victoria Hanley
A princess with the ability to see the future is exiled when a treacherous murderer gains power, but she and her friend work from afar to restore the rightful rulers.

The Goose Girl / Shannon Hale
On her way to marry a prince she’s never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

Princess Academy / Shannon Hale
After her mountain village is marked as the home of the future princess, all the village girls must attend an academy for potential princesses. It is there that 14-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Rapunzel’s Revenge / Shannon Hale (j GRAPHIC HALE)
After climbing over the wall of her villa home to find the truth about her past, Rapunzel discovers that her real mother is a woman named Kate who is a slave in a gold mine. In this Old West retelling of the traditional fairy tale, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso as she takes on outlaws.

The Princess Curse / Merrie Haskell
13-year-old Reveka, an herbalist’s apprentice in the Middle Ages, attempts to break the mysterious curse on the princesses of Sylvania and instead discovers a door to the Underworld. Based on “The Twelve Dancing Princesses.”

Quest for a Maid / Frances Mary Hendry
Aware of her sister’s deadly efforts to secure the Scottish throne for Robert de Brus, Meg realizes she must protect the young Norwegian princess who has been chosen as rightful heir.

The Ordinary Princess / M.M. Kaye
At her christening, a princess is given the gift of ‘ordinariness’ by a fairy. The consequences of that gift eventually take her to a nearby palace where, as the fourteenth assistant kitchen maid, she meets just the prince for her.

The Two Princesses of Bamarre / Gail Carson Levine
With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

Patience, Princess Catherine / Carolyn Meyer
In 1501, 15-year-old Catharine of Aragon arrives in England to marry Arthur, the eldest son of King Henry VII, but when Arthur unexpectedly dies her future becomes the subject of a bitter dispute between the kingdoms of England and Spain. Part of the The Young Royals series.

Princess Ben / Catherine Gilbert Murdock
A girl is transformed, through instruction, determination, and magic, from sullen, pudgy, graceless Ben into Crown Princess Benevolence, a fit ruler of the kindgom of Montagne as it faces war with its neighbor.

The Tin Princess / Philip Pullman
In 1882 16-year-old Becky applies for a tutoring job in London and becomes embroiled in deception, political intrigue, and romance in the small European kingdom of Razkavia.

The Royal Diaries series / various authors (j ROYAL DIARIES)
Fictional diaries of famous princesses throughout history.