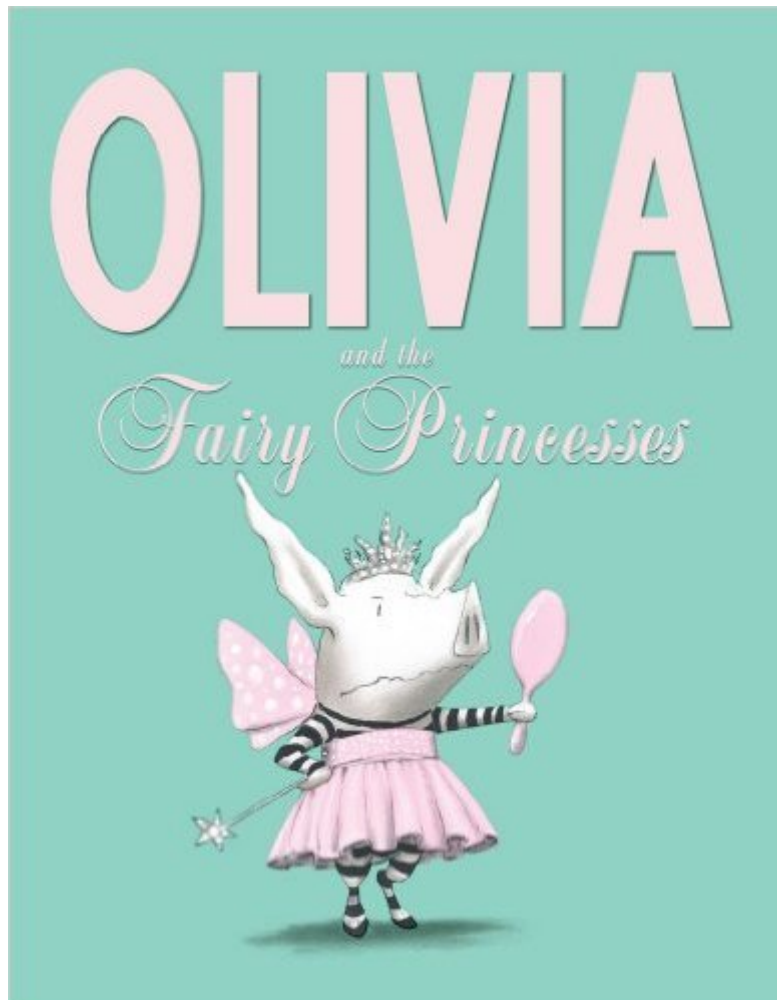


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# Olivia And The Fairy Princesses



## Synopsis

In this picture book starring the world's most imaginative pig, Olivia embarks upon a quest for identity with very lofty goals—and being a princess is NOT one of them! Olivia is having an identity crisis! There are too many ruffly, sparkly princesses around these days, and Olivia has had quite enough. She needs to stand out! She has to be special! She wants to do more than just fit in! So what will she be? Join Olivia on a hilarious quest for individuality, and rest assured, you won't find THIS pig pleased to be in pink!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

We love Olivia and her originality! I am sorry that some reviewers were disappointed by the attitude of this book, but it was a welcome relief to my husband and I who do our best to keep the princess craze out of the house. Our daughter is still exposed to it, of course, so this is a nice break from the onslaught. We waited until we thought she was ready for this level of a book. Of course she didn't understand corporate malfeasance at first, but we gave a simple explanation and enjoyed the joke obviously meant as some comic relief for the parents that have to read children's books again and again. (Just like how good children's shows or movies often throw in a few jokes for the parents.) I

just think this book is meant for a slightly older audience than the other Olivia books. If your child is really into fairy princesses and would take someone speaking against them personally, this just might not be the book for you.

As a parent tired of the princess craze, I was looking forward to this book's release so I could read it to my daughter. I love the other Olivia books. I found Olivia's derision of her peers a little mean-spirited. She's always been an oddball who's wanted to stand out and do her own thing, which is what makes her special, but in the other books that I've read, it's never been about knocking down others' choices. I wish Falconer could've gotten his point across without tearing others down. We checked this out from the library, so we'll be skipping it in our wishlist. It is cute and funny, though. Maybe it's the start of an older, more mature (and slightly more status conscious) Olivia.

I feel compelled to review this book because of the other sanctimonious reviews that made me roll my eyes. Looking at the front and back covers should provide enough context clues to understand that the plot is a departure from the average princess story. This is a cute story- follows Olivia's random thoughts/stream of consciousness while she is trying to set herself apart from her peers. In my opinion, Falconer does a great job of capturing how hilariously random precocious little ones can be and other parents who find this book offensive are missing the point.

Olivia wonders why all the girls, and some boys, want to be princesses and all look the same. Why can't they be Thai princesses, or a princess from China? Olivia figures out what she really wants to be - QUEEN! Cute book. My girls are big fans of Olivia.

My daughter loves to watch Olivia and I got her this book for her birthday! She loves it! We read it at least once a day! It's made well, pretty sturdy ! And the pages are a good think end and make the pages easy to turn! We love it!

I have been buying the Olivia series for my daughter (also named Olivia) since the first one came out. She is now 14 and still loves her Olivia books! I didn't even realize there was a new one out, until I stumbled across it in the bookstore. After ordering it on , I read a number of negative reviews. I, however, think it's kind of awesome. I can understand that the themes of the book may be a little disappointing to a pre-schooler (not trying to be exactly like everyone else, etc.), but I think it sends

a great message to girls (and boys, too) that you can be true to yourself instead of doing exactly what everyone else is doing. It doesn't mean you have to be a misfit. I will probably continue to buy the Olivia books, because my daughter and I both love them!

This book is about Olivia, a piglet who wants to stand out among her friends, and how she goes about doing so. While her mother tries to get her to go to sleep, she comes up with all sorts of ideas of ways to be unique in her princesshood: why not be an African princess, or a Thai princess, or a Chinese princess? Finally Olivia decides that rather than being a princess, she wants to be a queen, and that ends the book. I felt that this book was too short, and the language is pretty sophisticated for its target audience. My goddaughter couldn't sit still while I was reading it, which I took as a sign of boredom with the story. My goddaughter's little friend, who was also listening in, left before I'd even finished the book. What's here is fine, but I thought the story should have further explored ways of being a princess or taking on other roles entirely, as Olivia explored her options. Because of these issues I can only give this work three stars. What's here isn't bad, but there should have been more.

This is a hilarious little book about how all girls want to be princesses. Olivia is not having any of it, or at least is going to be a more interesting princess instead of a pink one. This is my favorite Olivia.

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