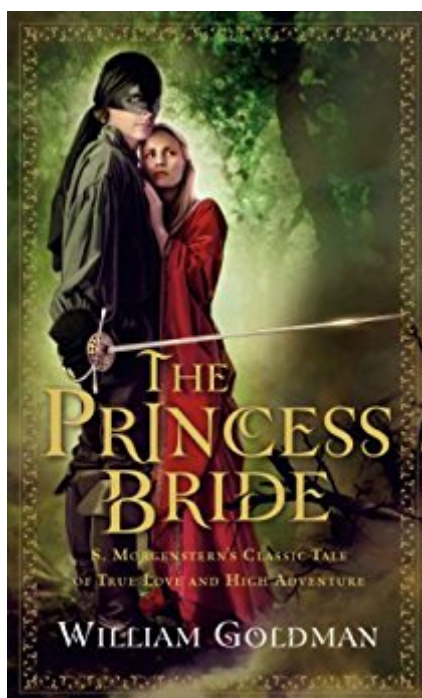


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The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale Of True Love And High Adventure



Synopsis

William Goldman's modern fantasy classic is a simple, exceptional story about quests "for riches, revenge, power, and, of course, true love" that's thrilling and timeless. Anyone who lived through the 1980s may find it impossible "inconceivable, even "to equate *The Princess Bride* with anything other than the sweet, celluloid romance of Westley and Buttercup, but the film is only a fraction of the ingenious storytelling you'll find in these pages. Rich in character and satire, the novel is set in 1941 and framed cleverly as an "abridged" retelling of a centuries-old tale set in the fabled country of Florin that's home to "Beasts of all natures and descriptions. Pain. Death. Brave men. Coward men. Strongest men. Chases. Escapes. Lies. Truths. Passions.

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Customer Reviews

I've grown up watching the movie roughly 396 times a year and will always deem it as my all-time most favorite movie ever. So naturally, when I found out that the movie was actually based on a novel, I had to have it. My biggest fear was that it would be a watered down version of the movie with less humor and wit, or that the movie took the best parts and the book would be mostly unsatisfying filler with the occasional recognizable humor. I couldn't have been more wrong.

daresay the book has even more humor and more wit than the film adaptation. William Goldman's story telling is pure genius, writing from a satirical 1st person perspective of how he created an abridged version of an old non-fictional book from a fictional country written by a fictional author. As you read through the "abridged version" you will frequently stumble across familiar lines you've come to love from the film ("INCONCEIVABLE!") but with slight variations in certain parts (ex. a more detailed story of how Wesley and Buttercup fall in love on the farm), and often times even more brilliant substance added to classic scenes you already love (Prince Humperdink's Zoo of Death). You also gain a better understanding of the film and why certain scenes play out the way that they do, such as why Inigo drunkenly yells out to Vizzini that he's going "back to the beginning" and the backstories to both Inigo and Fezzik beginning from childhood. After reading the book you'll have a newfound appreciation for the movie which you'll see is a fantastic adaptation, and you'll have a fantastic time wrapped around Goldman's hilarious finger as he guides you through a truly wonderful story that feels exactly like the timeless classic we've enjoyed watching for years. If you've never seen the movies, you'll like the book. If you've seen the movie a million times like I have, you'll LOVE the book. It's truly a must have for every Princess Bride fan. You won't be disappointed.

5 stars for the book, 5 stars for the movie, and I'll never get tired of Mandy Patinkin when he confronts the Prince - "My name is Inigo Montoya, you killed my father, prepare to die!" Brings tears to my eyes every time - and I'm not into fantasy or sappy romance! William Goldman can write! Remember, he also wrote "Marathon Man". I've seen the movie so many times I can't count them and I always have extra copies of the book on hand to give to people who haven't read it. It's just that good.....if you need your spirits lifted, read it!

'The Princess Bride' is always mentioned as a favorite film by many of my friends. It is the old story of hunting for true love. I heard Mandy Patinkin tell the story of Rob Reiner summing up the movie as a boy searches for his true love, and that pretty much sums it up! Rob Reiner loves satire and has filled this film with many of his friends in guest star roles. My favorite is Peter Cook who plays The Impressive Clergyman, but Billy Crystal is a close second. This is a parody of all the sword and sorcery films. Buttercup and The Farmboy fall in love, Farmboy goes away to seek this fortune, he is lost at sea. In the meantime the Prince chooses Buttercup as his bride. She is abducted and the prince finds her, as does Farmboy dressed as a black pirate. There you have it. One of the most humorous films in a long time, next to Spinal Tap. Rob Reiner where have you gone? Highly Recommended. prisrob 03-07-13

Are you kidding me? If you need to read a review about this to decide if you should see it, then you have already wasted exactly as many years as have gone by since it was released. Might be my most favorite movie ever. Cannot spot it while channel surfing without stopping and watching, regardless of what point in the movie it is. Watch it. Then laugh at yourself for the rest of time as you find yourself throwing random quotes from it at people who probably won't understand. But when they DO? Oh man, it is awesome.

"The Princess Bride" is a very fun movie that has something for everyone, including treachery, a pirate, epic sword fighting, wrestling, challenges of intellect, monsters, torture, death, redemption, and wuv... twu wuv (quoting Peter Cook, "The Impressive Clergyman"). No spoilers from me, the movie centers on Princess Buttercup (Robin Wright), the loss of her "True Love" Westley (Cary Elwes), and her pending marriage to a man she doesn't love. The plot does mostly follow the enjoyable book, *The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure*, with some necessary omissions and changes. This movie really doesn't take itself too seriously and it looks like the excellent cast enjoyed making it. I particularly liked seeing Peter Falk, Fred Savage ("Wonder Years"), Andre "The Giant" (André René Roussimoff), and Billy Crystal (as "Miracle Max"). Seriously, no matter how recently you have seen it, this is one of those movies we can watch whenever we can't reach consensus on another movie. Highly Recommended! CFH

I have loved this movie since going to see it TWICE in the theater. What is not to love? Some movies have lines that simply become "yours" to use at will and this is one of them. I used it as a test for potential mates...if they thought it was stupid, I thought they were stupid. And such a joy to share with the young women in my family...even spent a Christmas Eve watching it with my great-niece. These are the things of tradition. Recently, I guided a new friend from Nigeria to watch it just to share the joy! Have Fun Storming the Castle, boys!!!!!!

This is THE movie. One movie I have ever seen that both guys and girls like and some are for the same reasons, and some totally different. I have yet to meet someone that hasn't like this. 20 years and it still hold us. *** 2mins into movie - Spoiler*** In fact, I was watching it and finding new things in first scene when the grandfather starts reading the book to Fred Savage (star wars glass, poster of the "Fridge" from the Bears, etc).

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