


Prince
Percy
and the
Big Red Ruby



THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY

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Chapter 1

Percy was a prince. He lived in a tall castle on a hill. The castle was lovely with white and gray stones that glittered in the sun.



The chairs were made from dark carved wood and green velvet.



His library had many books.



The castle had fifty rooms.
Here are some of them.



One of the greatest things about Percy's castle was the castle grounds. There were hundreds of bushes and trees. There was even a maze made with shrubs.



The castle grounds had five huge fountains. Percy liked this fountain best of all.

The birds loved it, too.



Percy's castle had a huge stable with forty horses. This was Percy's horse. It was light brown with white spots, and it had a white mane.





Percy even had a beautiful peacock. It strutted around and showed off its tail.

Percy was a little bit like the peacock. He strutted around proudly, feeling important in his fancy clothes and golden crown.




Percy thought he was too good to be friends with the children in town.

The king and queen were very sad. They loved Percy, but they could see that he was very smug and selfish.

One day they watched Percy out the window turning his nose up while a baker was bringing his cart to the castle.

“Oh,” sighed the king. “I wish there were a way to make Percy more kind. Surely we have spoiled him!”

Prince Percy and the Big Red Ruby



When Prince Percy, proud as a peacock, is rescued by a humble family in the woods, he is shocked to learn something—the family believes they are richer than he is. What treasure could they possibly possess that would compare to his prized ruby? Through adventure, misfortune, and the love and forgiveness of the people in his kingdom, Percy might just be able to learn what is truly valuable.




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Prince Percy

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Jousting Games

BOOK 2



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Chapter 1

Prince Percy loved a lot of things. He loved his father, the king, and his mother, the queen. They all loved living in the tall glittering castle built on a hill. But mostly, Percy loved to have fun.



Percy was the prince, so he had many fine things to enjoy. His library was filled with more books than he could count.



Stories about strong princes who rode horses were his favorite.



The castle grounds had large gardens with beautiful fountains and flowers. The flowers grew in so many different colors. He liked the red ones best.



Percy had a brown horse with white spots. He loved to ride his horse when the sun was bright in the sky. As he galloped along the path, he pretended he was one of the strong princes in his stories.

One of Percy's favorite things to do was ride his horse to the gardens. He would stop to read a book by his favorite fountain. Sometimes he would fall asleep there and not wake up till dinner.

There were some things Percy didn't like to do. It was never fun to clean up his books. He didn't like to



shine his crown, and folding his clothes was the worst job of all. Percy would ask other people to do those things for him. The prince didn't want to do things he didn't like doing.



Some days, Percy's friends Daisy and Robin would come to the castle. They would ride horses or play hide-and-seek in the castle.

Robin was the best at hiding. Daisy was the best at finding. Percy pretended he was the best at both.

Other days, Percy went to Daisy and Robin's house. They would play tag in the forest and then go inside and paint with Daisy and Robin's mother,

Hannah. She was an amazing painter and could paint peaceful cottages, wild ocean waves, and happy children laughing. Percy was always amazed by how her paintings made him feel something deep within his heart. Oh, how he would love to be a good painter like her! He wanted the whole kingdom to know that the prince was the best painter.



No matter how hard he tried, though, Percy's art never looked the way he imagined. When he tried to paint a majestic horse, it looked like a brown blob. What was supposed to be a lovely sunset looked like the sky had stripes. Nobody could tell what his pictures were supposed to be. When Percy looked at them, his heart didn't feel a single good thing.

That was the worst part.



“To paint, you need to be patient,” Hannah would tell him. “You need to take your time and put in the work.”

But Percy did not want to go slower or put in the work. He wanted to be a good painter now. Sometimes, painting would make him bored or upset, so he would take a nap. Percy loved to nap because napping wasn't hard. It was just relaxing, and Percy loved to be relaxed.



Prince Percy

and the Jousting Games

BOOK 2

One day Prince Percy's father, the king, gives him a special responsibility—organizing the annual jousting games! Percy loves the games and couldn't be more thrilled to be in charge. Disaster strikes, though, and Percy has to learn some hard and beautiful lessons about what it means to be a good leader and a good friend. Join Percy, his friends Daisy and Robin, and others in the community as they work to save the games.



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Prince Percy and the Golden Crown

BOOK 3



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Chapter 1

Percy was a prince who lived in a tall castle on a hill. Many people worked in the castle, but there were no other children. Sometimes Percy felt a little bit lonely.



It was always a good day when his friends came for a visit!

Daisy and Robin were twins, but they did not always like the same things. Daisy liked picking wildflowers and wearing them in her hair. Robin liked climbing trees and pretending to be a soldier.



However, they both liked playing hide-and-seek with Prince Percy. Sometimes they played inside the busy castle. Daisy hid behind the blue satin drapes in the dining room. Robin hid beneath the large oak table covered with fancy dishes.

Trying hard not to wiggle, they silently waited for the prince to find them. Percy's peacock liked to help with the search, too.

Other times they played outside on the castle grounds. Percy showed Robin the way through the shrub maze.



“She’ll never find us here,” Robin whispered as they hid behind the huge fountain at the center of the maze. The

gurgles of the flowing water
drowned out Percy's giggles.

Later Percy and Daisy hid
beside the huge stable.

"A perfect hiding place,"
Daisy remarked. The sounds of
the horses blocked out Percy's
chuckles.



The twins didn't play with Percy only at the castle. Percy often visited the cottage where Daisy and Robin lived as well. One day he rode his horse along the path, over a bridge, and into the far-off woods. His favorite horse knew the way.

John, the twins' father, showed Percy how to help with chores.

"Milking a cow is harder than it looks!" Percy announced. Once he got the hang of it,

Percy filled a whole bucket with warm cow's milk.

Hannah, the twins' mother, gave the children painting lessons.

“Pick up your supplies and follow me,” Hannah directed with a smile. Out into the dense forest, they trekked. Birdsong echoed in the crisp air as they set up their easels. Percy loved to watch Hannah mix paint to match the vibrant colors of the world around them.

The twins taught Prince Percy how to fish in the river.

“Watch out! The water is choppy in this spot,” Robin warned as they bobbed along on the little raft. Percy was proud of his first catch, even if it was too small to keep.



Percy arrived home before the sun set. Waving from a castle window, the king and queen were thankful to see their son return safely. His broad smile and messy clothes brought them joy.

“You look as though you have



been rolling around in a field!”
the queen lovingly declared.

“That’s because I have,”
Percy said with a grin. His
mother plucked a piece of
grass trapped under his golden
crown.



“And your hands and arms are speckled!” the king pointed out with amusement.

“It’s paint!” Percy replied as he looked closely. His father rubbed at a brownish-green smudge.

“It was a great day,” Percy sighed. Cheerfully, the king and queen hugged their son. Then they sent him off for a much-needed bubble bath.

Prince Percy and the Golden Crown



BOOK 3

When Prince Percy's best friends, Daisy and Robin, begin to spend time with a new friend, Prince Teddy, Prince Percy is worried he might be replaced. Percy sets out to prove that he is the better prince. Will Percy's adventurous rides and talented animals amaze his friends? How will Percy react when his gold crown goes missing?



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