

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

gurgle 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.

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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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