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# Sofia The First



## Synopsis

Meet Sofia, a little girl who lives a rather ordinary life. But everything changes when her mother, Miranda, marries the king. Overnight, Sofia becomes a princess, moves into the castle, gains a step-brother, a step-sister... and the ability to talk to her new animal friends thanks to a magical amulet! Now, life is anything but ordinary for Sofia the First!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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My two daughters (ages 3 and 5) really love the new Sofia The First: Once Upon a Princess TV Movie that came out on Disney Channel at the end of 2012. It is a cute story with cute characters. I would say it is geared towards younger, Disney Junior age kids due to the simple story and ages of the main characters. The story introduces the King and new Queen (Sofia's mother), Sofia and her new Stepbrother and Stepsister, the Fairies who teach at Royal Prep Academy (Sofia's new school), the Castle Sorcerer (the bumbling bad guy), and several other characters. There is minor, Disney style conflict with the new stepsister and the castle sorcerer which gives the story a great

plot. Cinderella even makes an appearance to help the newest Disney Princess. When we saw this book, we snatched it up for Christmas for our youngest. She really loves the book. We have been reading it every night. She sings the songs from the show when we get to the corresponding part in the book. As for the book. It is illustrated wonderfully. The art looks great and very similar to the art in the TV Movie. The storyline is also a great adaptation of the TV Movie. It is much more brief than the movie as expected, but it hits all the major plot points perfectly. Fine details and extra scenes are excluded for brevity, but the story in the book doesn't feel like it is missing anything at all. It is the perfect length for a bedtime story and a good reading book for the 5 year old age range. It is done very well. Sofia The First items are relatively scarce at the moment since the main TV Series hasn't come out yet, but this is a great first Sofia book for your Disney collection. Highly recommended.=====QUICK UPDATE (01/08/2013):Just a note about this item being under review by due to quality issues and negative reviews. Some of the reviews are saying the words are in wrong places or running off the page. Please note, all of these negative reviews are for the KINDLE EBOOK VERSION, not the HARDCOVER BOOK. My review was for the Hardcover Book and my copy is flawless, with great illustrations and a high quality dust jacket. So if you are concerned about buying the book, rest assured, it doesn't look like anyone has had any quality problems with the actual Hardcover book. Still highly recommended. We read it every night.

My just-turned-3-year-old daughter absolutely LOVES Sofia the First and this book is a regular request. It follows the storyline of the Sofia the First pilot episode "movie" that covers the story of Sofia's mom marrying King Roland, and Sofia moving into the castle, starting at a new school, and having to transition. A few plot points from the movie are skipped, but overall it's well done. The paper quality is wonderful (lustrous, not matte) and the illustrations are beautiful. She has a lot of the pages memorized and often tries to "read" this book to herself. Your little girl will love this book -- it's well worth the money! (And in my opinion it's the best of the Sofia hardcover books.)

This is the longest book that my 2 year old will actually sit through. It has great illustrations and the words are "handwriting-like" so they are a little more interesting than standard printed text. Some reviewers have complained that it doesn't contain every detail from the movie, but I was actually thankful for that. It made for a nice, short fairytale for a younger child- which is what this character is targeting. It IS on Disney JUNIOR after all. Toddlers and pre-schoolers just don't have the attention span for a book that would cover every detail, nuance, and sub-plot. Plus, I think all of that could get

confusing for a young child to try and follow. The book cover is a beautiful purple with stamped lettering on it and the dust jacket was of great quality (though not durable enough to last more than a few weeks of my toddler opening and closing and pulling on this book LOL). It was a great purchase and I have a feeling that we will be reading "Fia!" for years to come.

Saw this at the store and knew that my daughter would LOVE it! Simple cute story about a little girl who becomes a princess after her mother marries the king. She thinks her stepsister hates her, but when she gets into a jam Cinderella helps her see that the stepsister is just adjusting to a new sister as well. I like the simplicity of the message and it is nice to see Disney show step-siblings getting along for a change. I know that this will be a series on the Disney channel as well and I have it all set to DVR so my daughter can enjoy it as well. Please note that there are some versions of this book that include a CD with some songs on it, but this version from doesn't have that included. So just make sure you are getting the version you want.

Beautiful illustrations and story. My 1 year old daughter loves books and she is currently into Sofia the First Disneyjr show. Thought this would be a good book. First reading went well she loved it. Only reason why I dropped one star is that when I received it today in the mail the outer paper cover was damaged. See pictures attached. Luckily all the pages inside are perfect and so is the hard cover of the book.

My granddaughter loves the latest Disney princess, the young Sofia the first!! In fact, she's wearing a Sofia the first dress at her 2nd birthday party. The price on for this book is excellent as it is a beautifully written and illustrated book and I know our graddaughter will want this to be read to her on many nights to come.

Such a cute story. My daughters loved it. Well written and very pretty illustrations.

A much larger book than I anticipated, I actually got this for myself to just study and look at the beautiful illustrations of Grace Lee. The illustrations, the design and the writing are just fantastic and of course, perfect for any little princess of your own.

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