Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of
Notebooks of a Middle-School Princess by Meg Cabot

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Sidney Greenslade, age 11
A funny story of an average girl who finds out she has a not-so-average-family!
Hilarious!

‘Notebooks of a Middle-School Princess’ is a dazzling new read about Olivia Grace, who lives with her aunt, uncle and two annoying older cousins. Olivia often receives letters from her biological father but she wishes she could meet him in person. She thinks she has the most boring, average life in the universe until the famous Princess Mia turns up at Olivia's school in a limo claiming to be Olivia’s sister before whisking her away to Genovia to meet her dad. Thrust into this strange new world, Olivia must learn the ways of a princess, battle fraud and, most importantly, learn how to be a good friend.

‘Notebooks of a Middle-School Princess’ is a hilarious book with jokes and fun on every page and some surprising twists and turns. The cleverly woven story meant that this was a book I simply couldn't put down as I had to find out what happened to Olivia next.

It was a fun, easy read and is a perfect book for princess fans and joke lovers everywhere.
**Georgie Docwra, age 9**

*One of my favourite books at the moment!*

I was really looking forward to reading this book as I have seen ‘The Princess Diaries’ film many times!!!

It is a great book full of fantastic descriptions, I particularly like the description of the limo. The illustrations are great too and I love the way that text messages are used throughout the book. There are lots of funny sentences that the author uses which made me laugh.

It was lovely to find that there was a happy ending.

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**Molly Betts, age 9**

*Is Olivia Grace a princess, or not? This book is interesting because Olivia goes on an adventure. I would rate this book: ******

I like Snowball and Olivia. At the beginning Olivia doesn’t know she is a princess so she acts like an ordinary citizen of New Jersey in America (the USA). Snowball is her Grandma’s dog, but she gives her to Olivia.

Olivia is the sort of person you would want to be friends with; she is kind, caring, helpful and trying to stop fights. Meanwhile, Annabelle Jenkins is a popular girl in Olivia’s school. She is in the same year group as Olivia. She is always seen beating poor Olivia up. Annabelle is mean, a liar and very popular because her dad is a lawyer.

Olivia has one sister called Mia, two dogs, one called Rommel and one called Snowball, a personal bodyguard and limo shared with her royal family. She finds out she is a princess when Princess Mia turns up outside school in a limo to take her anywhere she wants. She chooses to see her dad. When she is at the Plaza Hotel, where her father is staying, she is on the escalator, there is a man who presses a button that is marked PE and she thinks it means Physical Education, but it actually it means East Penthouse.

I liked it when Olivia met her dad for the first time. I didn’t like it when Annabelle punched Olivia in the face. I felt sad when Uncle Rick and Aunt Catherine wanted to take her to Qalif because they wanted to take her away from her real family in Genovia. I felt happy when she got a scholarship. I would rate this book: *****(five stars)
Hannah Baer, age 11

This book is like ‘The Princess Diaries’, another series of books about a girl who finds out she is a princess, but for younger readers. Being an 11-year-old, I thought that the book was going to be a little girl's book, but from reading ‘The Princess Diaries’, I knew the books by Meg Cabot were going to be for all ages. It is about a girl called Olivia and Princess Mia, the main character of The Princess Diaries, tells her that she is a princess, this happens to Mia as well when she was about Olivia's age, so it couldn't possibly be a coincidence. The best part was when I didn’t realise that Olivia was told that she was a princess, and when I did, I was really happy from Olivia. It could have had more action and excitement because I felt as if it was only describing her going to be princess and that she was a princess. Other than that, the book was great and I could read it a few times without being bored. This book is good for all ages and I would recommend the book for other people. Out of 10, I would rate it 8.

Grace Ward, age 11

Archbishop Blanch School

When I first got this book I thought, ‘this is definitely not my type of book’. I was wrong. From the first page I was hooked.

Olivia Grace is an ordinary girl. She lives with her uncle and aunt due to her mother’s death and her father’s job.

The story starts when Olivia is being bullied by a girl called Annabelle Jenkins. When Annabelle is about to hurt Olivia, Princess Mia shows up and explains that she is Olivia’s sister.

Suddenly, Olivia is being whisked away to New York to meet her destiny. In only a few hours, the worst day of her life had become the best; she had finally met her dad!

However, the next day was not so great. Aunt Catherine and Uncle Nick had come to take her back to New Jersey and away from her family. Will Olivia ever see her dad again?

‘Olivia Grace’ is not a princess is a gripping story from the start. If you liked ‘The Princess Diaries’, you will like this.
Daisy Theobald, age 12

This book was very good. I really enjoyed it. It had a lot of cliffhangers. I would say it is aimed at 8-10 year olds. I got a little confused with Meg Cabot's other books because they are so alike. But once I started reading it I didn't want to stop. *I love Meg Cabot's books and I hope she brings out a sequel maybe showing Olivia when she is older.* I would say 8 out of 10 stars.

Charlotte Rosevear, age 11

*I found this book hilarious!* I linked the popular girl, the "normal" child and the best friend who is a so-called "princess expert" to people at my school ,it was a lot funnier to read then. Olivia is your average school girl... until the first day at middle school!!! The most popular girl is called Annabel and when she pushes Olivia over, it was for a reason she never knew! When Annabel challenges Olivia of being a princess... it sounds so stupid!!! But then Princess Mia turns up, and practically admits that Olivia is her sister... it’s all over the newspapers. But then Olivia finds out a dark horrible secret... read the book to find out!

Amisha McCrystal, age 13

St. Colm’s High School, Northern Ireland.

‘Olivia Grace is Not a Princess’ is a very catchy but very funny novel filled with “How To Be A Princess Stuff”.

Olivia Grace is an average teenage girl with average grades, in an average school, in an average town, full of average people, or so she thinks. One memorable day changed everything for Olivia. A few weeks before the summer Olivia’s sister, Princess Mia of Genaria, just turns up one day after school and takes her to New York, where she meets her Dad and Grandmother, or Grandmere, which is French for Grandmother.

With all this excitement Olivia forgets that her uncle and Aunt have custody over her still. When they turn up saying she has to go back with them, it really isn’t her they want, but money from Olivia’s Dad to help with their business. Will she be able to stay with her long lost family and become a princess, or will she go back to being an average teenager with her Aunt and Uncle ruling her life????????????

*I would recommend this book to anyone under 10. It was an excellent and enjoyable read.*
Shannon McCluskey, age 13
St Colm’s High School, Northern Ireland.
This is a story about a young girl named Olivia. She has grown up with her Aunt as her Mum died when she was a baby, and she has never known her Dad. She thinks she is just an average girl until she finds out her Dad is a King. Her whole life dramatically changes as she finds out more and more about herself. I loved the way the story unfolded telling us all about Olivia’s life.
This was a great novel to read. I would recommend it for readers age 9+

Evie Aconley, age 8
An exciting book of a middle school princess, she has great bodyguards and is a great read.

Olivia Grace is a great character in this book about a middle school princess, she gets up to all sorts of things which makes for a very funny story.

Jasmine Harris-Hart, age 13

Olivia Grace is just a normal/average everyday girl.....or is she?

Olivia is looked after by her aunty following the death of her mother. She thinks she is ordinary, until Annabelle Jenkins pushes her over and calls her a 'princess'.

Olivia knows something isn't right when Annabelle wants a fight after school! Just as the fight begins Princess Mia Thermopolis comes in a limo and takes Olivia and it turns out that she IS a princess. Her sister, dad and grandma are waiting for her in a 5 star hotel.

The story is written like a diary and has black and white drawings in it which I like. I also liked Snowball her pet poodle because it reminded me of my poodle Jack.

Although there are American phrases/words throughout this did not affect my understanding of the plot. I enjoyed reading this book and would definitely read it again.

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Emily Golding, age 7 & ¾

I liked this book because it was about princesses and this story told me how difficult it might be to find out that you are a princess when you thought you were ordinary.

Imagine you just found out you were a princess. How would you feel? Would it be real?

This book is about a girl called Olivia Grace who finds out she is a princess. She was an average American middle-grader growing up just like everyone else, when her life changes. It is a total shock to her to find out the truth. Olivia Grace decides to write down everything that happens to her or she will think it’s a dream.

This book is similar to ‘The Princess Diaries’ because they both have the same author. It is a good introduction to ‘The Princess Diaries’ as it is written for younger people. I think good readers aged 7+ will love this book. It is beautifully written and makes you feel like you are there with Olivia Grace. I really liked this book and think it’s the best book I read so far.