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Pirate Princess



Synopsis

As the daughter of the Pirate King, Tilia Swanson has an unusual upbringing learning skills that aren't often available for women. As the heir apparent for the Kingdom of Crilan, her skills set her apart as she is trained by the best in the land and taught to harness her magic. However, piracy is in her blood, and draws danger to her in the way that treasure draws pirates. Some treasures are more valuable than others. Will this lesson be learned in time or will the betrayal of those around her be her undoing?

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Customer Reviews

Pirate Princess, well for starters the title was enough to draw me in. Add the fact that it was written by one of my favorite authors and I knew I needed to read this. I don't even know where to begin, this has been by far one of my favorite books and one of the best stories I have read in a while. Tilia has lived most of her life on a pirate ship with her father. Her mother died when Tilia was very young. That is until she turns ten and then he sends her to live with her aunt and uncle, King Jared

and Queen Esmeralda of Crilan. Fast forward six years and Tilia has become a force to be reckoned with. Not only can she fight against the best of them, she is also improving her magic. Finn is one of the youngest pirate captains on the seas. I absolutely loved him, not only is he totally hot but he is just one of those characters that you fall in love with. I mean he is a pirate so yeah I would for sure. The king and queen are something else. While they can be quite deadly when they need to be there are also so loving and quite humorous throughout the book. Faxon, the top Mage is so powerful but so funny at times. I love his sense of humor. The story itself is so full of emotions, family, friendship, magic and love. This book kept me up late at night reading because I just couldn't put it down. There were plenty of jaw dropping moments and so many twists and turns. I was quite shocked numerous times throughout at the revelations the story provided. I loved the adventurous times that Tilia and Finn had and I really enjoyed the Pirate festival. I did not want this book to end, it was so fantastically amazing. I can't wait to read the next book in this trilogy. This is a must read and I highly recommend it!!!

A fun trot across the country of YA Fantasy, Coming of Age Chick Lit, Catherine Bank's *Pirate Princess* is going to fuel unlady-like aspirations and unrealistic expectations. But it will all work out in the end. Right? Maybe not for your daughter, but it does for Princess, Arch Mage, and swashbuckler Tilia! Recent books I can recommend with strong, young heroines: Morgan Smith's *A Spell in the Country*, Madolyn Locke's *Silent Love* and Judith Rook's *Planet Woman*.

I picked up this book on a whim because I saw a recommendation for it if I liked Tamora Pierce. It turned out to be an enjoyable read that I couldn't put down. I'll definitely read it again and recommend it to others!

A fun tale Young Adult tale about growing up and adventure. The voice of the main character took me a little getting used to, there are moments where there is a lot of info-dumping going on, but it was a pleasant read.

Need more !!! Such an awesome adventure story full of fighting princesses magic and wonder. Really hope they is another to read.

When I was a little girl, I loved to pretend to be a princess, but only some days. Other days were reserved for playing pirate or wizard. Never once did I consider being all three at once. That is

exactly what Catherine Banks gives us in *Pirate Princess*. Join a high seas adventure. Tilia is a young girl being brought up by her pirate father. Her mother, who passed away, was royalty and heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Crilan. As per her mother's request, Tilia goes to live with her aunt and uncle to learn the finer points of being a lady. It is soon learnt that one can put a lady in a pirate, but can't take the pirate out of the lady. Tilia is the best of all fantasy characters. Not only is she a strong female protagonist, but she is an enjoyable one as well. The side of her that is a pirate does occasionally overtake the magical and fairy-tale princess roles, but overall, Banks has blended the three into one well-rounded personality. The side characters are equally as fun. The current King and Queen (Tilia's Uncle and Aunt) are regal and proper one minute and deadly the next. As with most young adult fantasy books, readers may find falling in love a little too easy for the main characters. Hold onto your hats though, this sets up some large adventures later in the book. The cover art, in my opinion, is a smidgen too grown up for the story. A younger model may benefit potential readers. The language and subject matter is geared towards young adult audiences. More mature readers may find that the outcome is a little too easy to predict. The story, however, is enjoyable for all ages. Recommended read for pirate lovers! Rated: 4 out of 5 stars

Rating: 4 I truly enjoyed this book for what it was, a pirate book about a pretty strong heroine. That is what I expected from the title and blurb, and for the most part that is what I got! The author, Catherine Banks, put a lot of effort into building this world and creating some very believable and strong characters. That being said, I'm not really a fan of her writing style - it's a little more middle grades for my taste, while the actual story is more suited for an older teen audience. It's a simple story that leaves you wanting to know more at the end. This book is long. Very long. Longer than most YA books I've read - but for the most part held my interest all the way up to the end. I just wish I'd have gotten more of my questions answered. There were also a lot of typical YA tropes used... and most of the plot was extremely predictable. (While that doesn't really bother me, I just felt like I was re-reading another YA book SET in a pirate world). There were some exciting adventures - magic, fighting, and even love. The world/universe that Banks created was interesting and left a lot of room for some really great plot ideas. I feel like she could have done more in less words, overall. I felt like there was way more potential! I'm not sure if I would pick up a sequel. I just didn't connect or relate to this book like I wanted to, or to the way that Banks writes. ARC provided by Enticing Journey Book Promotions. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

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