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It's mayhem at the science fair! A squishy goo monster is a challenge for the Princess in Black — but luckily some science-loving princesses are on hand to help.

Princess Magnolia is excited. Excited and nervous. She's going to the Interkingdom Science Fair today to present her poster about seeds and plants, and when she arrives, she sees that her friends are there too! Princess Honeysuckle made a mole habitat, Princess Sneezewort has built a blanket fort, and Tommy Wigtower has a talking volcano that's saying "EAAAAT!" Wait, what? A surprise goo monster makes this a job for the Princess in Black, and the Princess in Blankets is on the scene to lend a hand. But will two masked heroes be enough to save the science fair? A little scientific problem-solving — and a lot of princess power — will make the sixth entry in the New York Times best-selling series a smash hit.

## The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare Details

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### Virginia says

3.5 stars?

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### Lydia says

Princess Magnolia is heading to the Interkingdom Science Fair! She's excited to share her poster on the growth cycle of plants, but she isn't sure she'll fit in. When she gets there, she is happy to see her friends and fellow princesses and is impressed by their clever projects! Then, while looking at the other projects, she notices a volcano that is... talking? But with the help of the new hero, the Princess in Blankets, and the other Princesses, the Princess in Black will save the Science Fair and help a misplaced monster.

Neat to see the bigger world away from the goat field and Princess Magnolia's castle. Also cool that the other princesses are joining in on the hero gig and using their own talents.

No content issues, some mild brawling that usually ends in the monsters being dizzy, no injuries.

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### Tonja Drecker says

Dainty princess meets princess power in an adventure which brings fantasy, humor and even science under one tiara.

Princess Magnolia is excited and nervous about her trip and contribution to the science fair. She didn't really spend much time on it and is not sure what to expect. Upon arrival, she meets her princess friends and each has a project which leaves hers looking more miserable with each step she takes. When she reaches Tommy's project, she notices something isn't right. The volcano refuses to explode, and it talks! Only the Princess in Black can solve what happens next.

This chapter book is great for readers who are pretty sure of their words, but aren't ready to dive into anything difficult. The sentences are kept short and simple as well as most of the vocabulary. At first, it came across as almost too simple but the story grabs quickly to create a fun, easy read. Each page holds bright and fun illustrations, while the text—written in a large font—never comes across as too much or heavy. It's a great balance which won't scare off more reluctant readers.

The author does a lovely job at mixing princess puffiness and perfect etiquette with bold and adventurous heroism. The princess are sweet yet a little fumbly and awkward, while still being prim and proper. It makes each one easy to love and promises a dash of silliness and excitement. The toss in of monsters hit a little quirky at first, but it works and adds the right zest to the adventure.

There's also a dab of science in this adventure, but never too much. Each project at the fair glides over with a quick bit of information but it's so light that readers catch it without feeling sciency. Later, the projects are

brought in again as the princesses do their best to handle the goo monster. The science aspects don't run deep, but they are there and open up kids to some basic concepts.

I received a complimentary copy through Library Thing and found this tale to be such a wonderful mixture that I wanted to leave my honest thoughts.

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## Lorie says

Princess Magnolia AKA The Princess in Black excitedly prepares for the Interkingdom Science Fair with her poster project on how seeds grow, but when she gets there she sees all these great big projects while she is disappointed in her own she is happy to explore and cheer on her princess friends and their projects. When her alter ego, Princess in Black, is needed to battle a goo monster that has taken over one of the projects, it's up to her and her friends to find a way to help the goo monster before it goes beserk.

Princess in Black is not your typical princess, and that is why this series remains a popular choice for beginning chapter book readers and this sixth book will not disappoint her fans. There are plenty of recurring characters, a fun premise and snappy writing to create and keep interest for newly proficient readers. LeUyen Pham's full color water color and ink illustrations add to fun with an extra ounce of style that put a flourish on the action. While part of the series, this book does not have to be read in exact order for the story to still be fun. I would recommend this book for purchase by any school or public library.

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## Ms. Yingling says

E ARC from Netgalley.com

Princess Magnolia is all set to share her poster on the growth of seeds into plants and the local science fair, even getting coverage for the monsters so they don't disturb her! She meets up with many of her friends, who all have submitted projects of their own. When one volcano project seems to be harboring a monster in its goo, the princess heads under a table, suits up, and the Princess in Black is ready to fight. She's met by the Princess in Blankets, and the two have quite a fight with the monster. They decide to take it back to the field to send it to be with the other monsters, so have to carry it on the train, which requires the help of other princesses as well. Eventually, the monster is dispatched, the science fair is won (not by Magnolia, who is a good sport about it), and three new monster fighting princesses are minted.

Strengths: Unlike some series that tend to flag as they go on, Princess in Black keeps getting better. Each book shows some character development and some strengthening of her community. Including science experiments in this one is especially welcome. I'm just sad that these were not around when my own daughters were in the target demographic!

Weaknesses: Princess Sneezewort's costume needed some work. Kids probably find it funny, but I was somewhat disappointed!

What I really think: I purchase all of these and check them out a LOT to my struggling readers, especially the boys, since Ms. Hale has had such ridiculous backlash against boys and princesses. With the first book, we only checked it out to boys until the first circulation card was filled up, just to prove a point.

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## **Sarah says**

I received this as an ARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Princess Magnolia is attending the science fair and after looking around at the projects of her peers, she realizes hers isn't as awesome as the others. One project is a volcano, which has a secret troublesome ingredient. When the monster in the volcano decides to make his presence known, the Princess in Black and a few of her sidekicks come to the rescue. This novel is a cute quick read with a variety of princesses. I have been hearing about this series forever and after getting the signed ARC from the publisher, I thought I would give it a try. I can certainly see some beginning chapter book readers getting into this story.

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## **Becky B says**

Princess Magnolia is excited and a little nervous about her first Interkingdom Science Fair. But a monster taking up residence in another participant's volcano must be dealt with before anyone can share their projects.

I just love Magnolia and the way she and her friends work together to save the fair. They exemplify great problem solving together, and I also like that the Princess in Black isn't threatened by other heroes pitching in. They work together to find a peaceful solution to the problem. Pham's illustrations fantastically complement the story, and Princess in Black fans should be very, very satisfied with this tale. Hand this to lower grade readers who like superhero tales and princesses who can act both fancy and heroically.

Notes on content: The Princess in Black and the monster battle, but no one is hurt. They eventually come up with a peaceful solution.

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## **Elevetha says**

Yet another cute picture book featuring Princess in Black, Princess in Blankets, various flower princesses, and the Goat Avenger.

Though not as relentlessly adorable as some in the series, it's another winner. However, I feel we might be taking things a step too far by giving the rest of the flower princesses secret hero names and disguises as well. Feels like a bit much. But these being best-selling, I guess I'd expect nothing less than milking them for all they're worth.

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## **Kate Willis says**

My younger sisters and I always look forward to the books in this series, and this one was no exception. <3 As always, this was a super cute read, and I absolutely love the illustration style. I could actually pore over the pictures of the science fair for a while if I weren't the one reading aloud. ;) Their projects were great (especially the blanket tower), and I liked how unique each princess was.

Unfortunately, I absolutely could not keep their names straight because there were so many, so similar which was kinda sad. Also, heads-up for young readers, the monster in this one is a bit scarier, given his fiery look. ;)

Altogether, we enjoyed this book! I think it's time to re-read them all soon. ;)

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

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BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) – ADVISABLE.

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Princess Magnolia eagerly heads off with her entry to the science fair. She is thrilled to see all of the other princesses projects and hopes to have a great day. But things don't go as planned when an experiment goes wrong and a monster is created. Princess Magnolia must become The Princess in Black and join with her fellow masked heroes to stop it from destroying the science fair.

This series was popular at my library, and this newest book would be a fun addition. Even the kindergarten classes at my school were doing science experiments and being walked through the science fair each year, so an early reader would have context as well. I like the lessons about being positive, working together, persistence, and that winning isn't everything. The only thing I sort of don't care for about this series is that to be a hero you have to keep it a secret. Of course the illustrations are just darling and will really help new readers to make their way through the story.

Reviewer: Stephanie MLS & Author.  
<https://kissthebookjr.blogspot.com/20...>

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### **Michelle (FabBookReviews) says**

The sixth entry in the hugely popular (and much loved) *Princess in Black* chapter book series, *The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare* finds Princess Magnolia "feeling excited and nervous" as she gears up for the Interkingdom Science Fair to present her project: "a poster that show[s] how seeds grow into plants". With her friend the Goat Avenger looking after the goat pasture, Princess Magnolia decides to leave her "monster-alarm ring" behind. But when Princess Magnolia meets up with her friends at the fair- and their incredible projects- she discovers that Tommy Wigtower's cool volcano project might just be filled with a scary, grumpy goo monster! Princess Magnolia quickly transforms into her secret identity, and along with help from the mysterious Princess in Blankets (introduced in the last book), and her other friends, they come up with a plan to combat the goo monster. The ending of this sixth entry leaves a great opening or two for new, fun directions that the next *Princess in Black* titles can take! The *Princess in Black* series has carved out its popularity in the hearts of young readers- the series is pretty much a staple in our library!- with Shannon Hale and Dean Hale's wonderful protagonist (and supporting characters), fun storylines, positivity, and always-amazing, sunny illustrations by LeUyen Pham.

*I received a copy of this title courtesy of partner Candlewick Press/Penguin Random House Canada in exchange for an honest review. All opinions and comments are my own.*

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### **Carly Friedman says**

I love these books! Just the right length for both my 3-year-old and 8-year-old. Perfect for a light fun read together ♥?

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### **Laura McLoughlin says**

A fun entry. Lots of silliness, lots of princess teamwork, lots of problem solving.

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### **Heidi says**

Another winning title for Shannon and Dean Hale. The Princess in Black series is one of the most popular in my school library. I also adore them. It's great to have a series to hand girls who love princesses that has the princesses in the heart of the action and not waiting around to be rescued. This book takes it a step further by having the princesses all participating in a science fair. Princess Magnolia is worried that her project, a poster of seed development, isn't going to be good enough, and she has reason to worry. The other projects are fantastic. But there seems to be something going on with Tommy Wigtower's volcano. It's inhabited by a Goo Monster who thinks it's his home. Soon the Princess in Black and the Princess in Blankets are required to help contain the monster and his unquenching desire for home. In fact, it may take all the princesses to wrestle this monster. But what should they do with him? Another delightful tale of adventure and daring do, beautifully illustrated once-again by LeUyen Pham.

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### **Sarah says**

I received a digital copy of this book from NetGalley for an honest review.

Another fantastic addition to the Princess in Black series, this time with a nod to SCIENCE! LeUyen Pham's art is phenomenal (I can't wait until 2020, her year to illustrate the material for the summer reading program via CSLP) and partners with the text for an amazing story. I would frame and hang art from this book (and other PiB books) in my house, I love it so much. The diversity of characters who attend and participate in the titular science fair is beautiful, not to mention the easter eggs of hints towards monsters in the big spreads! Now that I've gushed about the art (and could continue for pages, describing my favorite of Pham's animals), let's turn to the text. I love the clear and simple ways science experiments and ideas are woven into the story--perfect for any kid a little nervous about their first science fair or who need a friendly introduction to the ways of science. Animals! Air pressure! Physics! MONSTERS! I can't wait to share this book with young library patrons and to see what comes next in the series (please never stop with PiB).

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