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Mystery and intrigue above deck and below!

Alice-Miranda is set for a luxurious cruise aboard the royal yacht Octavia, where Auntie Gee is hosting the wedding of Aunt Charlotte and Lawrence Ridley. Even Ambrosia Headlington-Bear has come along, much to her daughter Jacinta's surprise. Wild weather and rumours of a jewel thief throw the travellers into turmoil, but something else is giving Alice-Miranda one of her strange feelings. Why does the ship's doctor look so familiar? And who is the shy blond boy hiding in one of the suites? When Alice-Miranda seeks help from an unexpected source, will they manage to set things to rights in time for the celebrations?

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From Reader Review Alice-Miranda at Sea for online ebook

Jess says

Loved the entire series.

Ms. Yingling says

Alice-Miranda and her parents have been invited to a wedding aboard the royal yacht Octavia by Auntie Gee (the queen). Alice-Miranda is glad to have some of her friends along with her, and even Jacinta's spoiled socialite mother, Ambrosia, is on board, although she continues to ignore her daughter. There are mysteries abounding, from the very shy Neville who has stowed away in the cabin across from Ambrosia's, to jewel thefts, quirky Russian chefs, and a doctor who may or may not be what he seems. Alice-Miranda and her friends manage to solve these while having a very polite and extravagant party on board the queen's yacht. Strengths: Alice-Miranda is very polite, her parents are involved, and her social circle is beyond reproach. The mysteries are not scary for younger readers, and the exotic setting will appeal to readers who have gone beyond Eloise.

Weaknesses: This seemed a bit long for the demographic (ages 7-10 but almost 400 pages), and is a bit precious, with multiple characters with long, hyphenated names.

M-Tear says

Love!!

Dania Paus says

I really liked this book

Niamh Griffin says

Alice-Miranda and her friends, old and new, take to the seas, as they celebrate Aunt Charlotte's wedding to Lawrence Ridley. As they dance and dine on the Octavia the children find a sparkling new mystery to uncover.

Angela says

Banal, although if I'd persisted I might have appreciated that there seemed to be some satire and piss taking. However this would probably not endear it to the age level it is aimed at. The author is having a lot of fun with upper crust English names and class and the experience of cruise lining., but I found the story boring.

Audrey says

good book love the adventures

Cindy Xia says

I thought that this story was structured well, especially with the boy, Neville at the start, which caught my attention as being something mysterious. When I read the first few chapters' first lines, there was a word, "limosoine". Later, it was introduced that the main character, Alice-Miranda, was 7 years old. I thought, 'this child must be from a wealthy family!' and she was. She had relations to many famous people. At the start Alice-Miranda is really friendly, introducing herself to every staff member on the boat when they boarded with a handshake and a self-introduction, and because of that, she ends up softening the hearts of people on board the ship with her honest and free heart through other events, such as she did with Dr Lush, Alex and Chef Vladimir, Mr Winterstone and more. It was pretty touching, reading the story of such a young child and seeing her change people's hearts, and more importantly, solving mysteries and gaining new companions. So regarding the story, I thought that it was really quite clever of J.H to give Prendergast a twin brother, and that he was a convicted armed robber that just finished his sentence. It was extremely well thought of, that she got him to cut squares of paper at the start of the story, that most readers would have dismissed, and later referred back to it as the blackmail notes that the victims had received when their precious jewels were gone, all because of that guy.

What I really liked about this book was that the chapters were short and snappy, so things didn't drag out. Although the climax of the story was quite later on in the text, the reader would be surprised that there was so much to do on the ship, and so much to read about Alice-Miranda and her adventures around the ship and with her friends, and how there were so many personalities of the ship's passengers.

For an example, Jacinta's mother had an 'uncaring' attitude towards her child, Jacinta. But when, at the end, she learns of her daughter getting kidnapped, and was overtaken by tears and realized how much her daughter meant to her. She was a famous person after all, and was used to telling other people orders, but after the incident, Jacinta would tell her mother orders instead, and she wasn't used to it, though now she's paying more attention to her child.

Oh yes, the Queen was on board too. The Queen, also known as Aunty Gee or Queen Georgiana, is actually one funny woman! She's not like other old ladies, but someone in a completely different league. That's why I like her character.

More about the writing style/technique now...The author, J.H, actually put a lot of evident things in there that are easy to spot for older readers who read the book. For example, there are similes here and there, but they're not very evident, but still able to know that it's a simile. Another is the repetition of certain words. J.H had repeated a lot of words, such as 'delicious' by Alice-Miranda, who always says it here and there in the funniest ways, such as 'Isn't this party delicious?' which I found quite strange yet interesting. Another would be 'very good' or something along the lines, for butlers and the crew on board.

The main character had a very polite behavior toward everyone as well, and knew many words that other kids her age wouldn't have known, and spoke older than she should. But that may be because of her education, maybe? It did mention that she goes to a private girls school...

Blue Mountains Library says

this one is about a wedding on board the Queen's ship, and the mysterious activity that one of the guests on board gets involved in. I think this was my niece's favourite, but not for me.

A.D

Larissa says

Alice-Miranda at Sea is a great book about a young friendly girl named Alice-Miranda. After she boards a cruise ship she discovers that the ships doctor looks familiar and their a little boy hiding in one of the cabins.

Melanie says

I love the book!

Barbara says

When Alice-Miranda's Aunty Gee hosts a shipboard wedding, she and her friends are among the wedding guests, which delights Alice-Miranda. There's probably no kinder, more thoughtful heroine than this protagonist who manages to tame a grumpy Russian chef with her personality while keeping a shy stowaway out of trouble, reuniting her friend Jacinta with her self-absorbed mother, and thwarting a jewel heist, among other accomplishments. Although the amounts of food and wealth that are described here are almost overwhelming, the fact that most of the characters are unaware of their privilege may (or may not) make up for it. It's hard to resist this charming young girl who never met a stranger. It helps to have read the earlier titles in the series, but this one stands just fine on its own.

Sophie Starshine says

I like how Alice miranda helps Neville with his case though i thought he was pretty surprised when he found out that a dead women lied in there.

Erin Blond says

I actually wasn't going to read this book but when I went on holiday my mum insisted I bring it. It started a new revolution and now I want to read all the Alice Miranda series. Totally a mysterious yet childish story great for a easy- intermediate read. Worth reading love how you feel like your actually on the boat. Great story for 8-11 year olds. Give it a try!!

Angela says

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A Bug in a Book review by Angela Hall.

Never before has there been a miniature hero quite like Alice-Miranda. She is proof that you don't have to be as tough as nails, rough around the edges, ready to get into fisty-cuffs kind of hero. No, not this pocket rocket. Alice-Miranda is quite the opposite in fact. She is delicate and petite, well dressed, polite and considerate, completely non-judgmental and absolutely adorable. Even so she has a good handle on those niggly senses of things not being right and the ability to bring out the best in people around her.

Alice-Miranda comes from quite a unique family (please excuse my ignorance as I am yet to read the first three) at first I thought WOW that is going to be hard to relate to but, I was wrong. Despite her rich and famous friends and family (Especially Aunty Gee – The Queen, who I love by the way) Alice-Miranda is a fun story that shares a bit of the celebrity life style while making the regal wonderfully normal and fabulously fun. If anybody can make the rigid loosen up and enjoy themselves Alice-Miranda can!

In Alice-Miranda at Sea we take a voyage in Her Majesties ship the Octavia for a grand wedding. Oh what fun to be had exploring the resort like ship with her friends. What with the parties, the swimming, the games and the feasting. What more could you want? Well an adventure of course! Luckily just such an adventure stepped onto the wrong ship by the name of Neville Nordstrom. On his own personal quest of high importance's and laced with a whole lot of telling off once his parents find out, Neville sets off to meet with someone very important, a someone who is the only one who can make a difference on his quest. Sorry for being vague, I don't want to give it away! Meanwhile there is trouble brewing on the ship as the very glamorous and bejewelled find themselves less dazzling when their diamonds and pearls disappear.

Alice-Miranda has completely won me over, like she does with even those hardened folk like the Russian chef (oh you will have to read it). She is a sweet and wholesome character, never fear parents, this little lass won't lead your kids astray, they might even learn a few more adorable mannerisms with which to show their impeccable upbringing.

Alice-Miranda is a great mystery story which will have the reader enthralled til the last page. Jacqueline Harvey
