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When Pistachio's dog earns a starring role in a play, she can't talk about anything else for months. But the fame and fun cause trouble when Pistachio's best friend Madeline starts to feel left out.

## Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent Details

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## From Reader Review Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent for online ebook

### Mary Librarian says

A cute series that is just right for kids (okay probably girls) who aren't quite ready for a longer chapter book

Princess Pistachio has great personality and never lets others change how she is. Dog is also a fun character. Wonderfully expressive illustration will help kids decipher what is happening in the story.

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### Nadine Poper says

She is adorable and so is Dog aka Maurice. Simple and ideal for young readers transitioning to chapter books.

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### Tiffany Borne says

I received this book from a Goodreads first reads giveaway, making this my first Princess Pistachio book. It was a cute book about Princess Pistachio and Dog. The story was funny for children as she brought her dog to school, and entered him into a play.

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### Matt says

Pistachio lives a fairly normal life with her canine friend, Dog. However, Dog is quite lazy, to the point that sleeping has become central to his entire life. Dog could sleep all day, eat, then sleep again all night. In an effort to rouse him from his slumber, Pistachio takes Dog to school for show-and-tell, which elicits many giggles from the class and raises the ire of the teacher. On her way out of school, Pistachio notices a poster, seeking a dog to star in a play. Pistachio's best friend, Madeline, encourages her to take Dog and hope for the best. Many other canines answer the call, dazzling producers with their wiles, but there is something about Dog that has them interested. When Dog makes it into the play, Pistachio helps him choose his stage name, Maurice the Magnificent. All goes well and audiences love Maurice's interpretation of Sleeping Beauty. Then, one night, disaster befalls Maurice and Pistachio is left traumatised. How will things end? That's up to the young reader to discover for themselves. Neo liked the book and seemed interested in how it developed, but he was expecting something a great deal more exciting. Perhaps the other books in the series will interest him in 2018... something to which we can both look forward.

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### Brandi says

Marie-Louise Gay's "Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent" is an adorable, colorful, well-illustrated children's book with a cute story about a girl who takes her dog to school and the little adventure that ensues. I would recommend this book to primary school children, especially those around the second or

third grades. It's a light, easy to read story, and who doesn't like doggies?  
I would rate this book 4.7 stars.

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## Storywraps says

This is the third book in the Princess Pistachio series. It is a wonderful little chapter book with very endearing illustrations starring the Princess and her dog, Dog. Yep, you heard me right, her dog's name is Dog.

Pistachio observes that Dog just sleeps and sleeps and sleeps and she finally comes to the conclusion that he must be bored and he needs to live his life with his eyes open, not closed.

"Poor Dog. He needs adventure and excitement in his life."

She volunteers to take him for a walk... dog just rolls over. She suggests they should play ball. Dog grunts, sighs, snorts... no he's not one bit interested.

"Things have got to change around here, she thinks. Dog will die of boredom."

Pistachio now has a mission. She vows to get him engaged in something exciting and the sooner the better. She offers him up as her Show-and-Tell mascot but that is a total flop. Mr. Grumblebrain is not amused that she brought him to school and dumped him on his desk.

"Get that hairy beast off of my desk!" yells Mr. Grumblebrain. "NOW!" "

"Pistachio, her face as red as a tomato, stuffs Dog back in her schoolbag, and, head held high, walks to her desk. She sits and stares straight ahead, wishing she were invisible. Or instantly transported to a desert island. Or both."

Oh my! Will Pistachio give it up? NO!!! NEVER!!!

A few days later she spots a sign hanging in a bookstore window advertising an audition for a "talented, intelligent, beautiful dog." Dog is the perfect candidate. All the other dogs auditioning are super talented and of course Dog's claim to fame is ... well... sleeping. As fate would have it that is exactly what the director of the play is looking for and Dog becomes an instant star.

"We are looking for a dog to play Sleeping Beauty."

Dog snores loudly

"Brilliant!" says the director. "He's got the part!"

Pistachio gives him the stage name of Maurice (after her grandfather) the Magnificent and his career takes off. With all the attention given to Maurice, Pistachio neglects her best friend Madeline. Her BFF feels left out and abandoned. Those hurtful feelings of being cast aside (because of a dog) causes Madeline to do something quite unthinkable to regain her best friends companionship. Will her dastardly deed work?

I truly loved the illustrations, especially adorable Princess Pistachio. Gay's watercolour, and coloured-pencil work bring the text alive and is full of humour, detail and action. The story is very well-written and has a plot that kids can identify with and enjoy tremendously. I highly, highly recommend this book.

## Melissa Mcavoy says

3 1/2 stars. Pistachio struggles with her boring, lazy dog until fate renders him a star. Then she must contend with fame and jealousy. Happily the story has a slight twist so all is not as reality-star driven and vapid as it first appears.

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## Wendy says

“Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent” which I won through Goodreads Giveaways is the third in a whimsical series for younger children who are not quite ready for a lengthy chapter book. The plot revolves around Pistachio and her dog who loves to sleep belly-up, “snoring like a frog with a cold.” Wanting him to have more adventure in his life, Pistachio takes him to school for show and tell only to end up embarrassed and laughed at. But all is not lost when Pistachio takes him for an audition for a part in a theatre production and he’s selected, gaining not only stardom but a new name – Maurice the Magnificent. Yet Pistachio’s troubles are far from over when Maurice’s fame causes a rift in her friendship with her best friend Madeline.

Skilfully narrated and interspersed with beautifully- crafted and colorful illustrations, the story takes youngsters on a humorous adventure as Pistachio struggles to bring excitement into her dog’s life only to create tension with her friend Madeline when she becomes absorbed in his celebrity status. Well-developed the themes center around the fragility of friendship when feelings are ignored as well as loving and valuing a pet whatever their foibles.

I loved “Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent” and intend to add my copy to my library’s collection so children there can enjoy it too.

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## Shonna Froebel says

<https://cdnbookworm.blogspot.ca/2017/...>

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## Barbara says

Fans of this series will be thrilled to have another book featuring Princess Pistachio. There's just something about her that makes her lovable and something to whom it is easy to relate. When she happens to notice that her beloved canine friend, Dog, basically spends his days sleeping and eating, she decides to spice up his life. After she accidentally brings him to class for Show and Tell, which results in humiliation for both of them, she decides to have Dog audition for a part in a community theater production. Perhaps it's a bit of typecasting since the director is looking for someone to play Sleeping Beauty--and boy! can Dog sleep! Suddenly, he has a new name--Maurice the Magnificent--and all sorts of fame. But her best friend Madeline grows tired of all the talk about Dog and takes drastic action to gain Pistachio's attention. The story itself is amusing, and the illustrations, created with India ink, watercolor, ink, and colored pencils, are attractive and show the book's characters to great advantage so that readers will feel as though they know them well.

### **Michelle says**

Great story, great illustrations!

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### **Beth says**

This is a cute beginning chapter book. For a child that likes dogs, I think he or she will enjoy the story of Maurice the Magnificent. It might be a good book to read aloud in a younger classroom or at bedtime.

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