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Dating Britain's royal Prince Freddie has made Year Eleven at St. Augustine s the best one so far for Calypso Kelly. Together with best friends Star and Georgina, and new chums Portia and Indie, LA-born Calypso at last seems to have everything she s dreamed of...or does she? With the national fencing trials coming up, balancing school, friendships, and a royal romance is a lot harder than she imagined. Something will have to give, but what or whom will it be? Picking up where Stealing Princes left off, this funny, fast-paced third book chronicling the life and times of Calypso Kelly will not disappoint.

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Mel Raschke says

This third book about Calypso follows her attempts to manage her life while dealing with her parents' sudden and unexpected marital issues. An American in an English boarding school, she simply wants to earn a spot on the national fencing team and keep up with her boyfriend, Prince Frederick. Then her mother suddenly shows up on her doorstep. Prince Freddie continues to be her boyfriend, though several miscommunications put this in jeopardy. When she tries to break into his school, she gets caught in a very compromising situation that could keep her out of some important fencing matches.

Stacey says

A very funny book and Tyne O'connell certainly kept me entertained in this book! I hadn't realised that there were books before this one and as I normally like to read books that follow on from each other in order, I was surprised when I realised I was reading the last book of the series! This book is all about Calypso and her troubles with her parents and her ambitions to make it into the national fencing team. Her life being at a top boarding school in England is perfect, up until her mother turns up all the way from L.A because of troubles with her Calypso's dad! Find out all about the perfections and imperfections of Calypso's life in the last book of this very funny series!

Natalie says

This book was okay, but the plot definitely wasn't as good as the previous two books in the series. The humor in this book is better, like when Calypso goes to Eades, but the story went downhill when Sarah showed up.

Alison (AlisonCanRead) says

Duelling Princes is the third book in the Calypso Chronicles series. If you like the first two, you'll like this one. Similarly, if you didn't like the first two, you won't like this one.

I think there's a time and place for mindlessly fun reads and this certainly is that. There's a lot to criticize about these books if you want to. Calypso is immature. Freddie is boring. The side characters are one dimensional. I could go on. But ultimately, these books are a good laugh.

The framework of this series is that Calypso, the American student in a British boarding school, is dating Prince Freddie, the British prince. But don't read the books because of that because Freddie is the dullest, stupidest character and he has hardly any time on the page. This series is all about Calypso and her friends going on adventures, getting into scrapes, having fights, sticking up for each other, etc. It is the epitome of what a boarding school book should be.

Part of what attracted me to the series was the fencing element. Calypso is a talented fencer. Since fencing is my new hobby, I loved all the scenes of her fencing. Plus the fencing instructor was hilarious.

The main dilemma in Duelling Princes is Calypso's mother unexpectedly showing up in England, having left her father. On one hand, Calypso's humiliation at her mother's antics is extremely immature - particularly a scene where she and her mom literally run away from Prince Freddie. Her mom is going through a mid life crisis and should be offered some sympathy and kindness by her daughter. On the other hand, viewing your parents as the most embarrassing creatures on earth is such a teenager thing to do. Calypso acts as most youngish teens would (perhaps she's still on the immature side). I could understand.

Duelling Princes and the entire Calypso Chronicles series is great fun to read if you want to get a taste of wealthy British boarding school life. The author is from a very posh background and is the mother of boarding school girls, so I think she knows what she's talking about. It's not a brainy read, but well worth picking up.

Rating: 3.5 / 5

Muspitta says

Dengan begonya aku ngebeli yang ini padahal yang #2 belum baca-____ - tapi ini keren sih, aku sempet deg-deg an banget pas bagian calypso ke asrama cowok. sumpah aku jadi malu dan yah gimana gitu, pokoknya kerasa deh apa yang dilakuin calypso itu. Dan soal pelatihnya yang "waw" banget itu, aku jadi keinget pelatih baseball di film 42, yah walaupun pelatihnya calypso cenderung lucu dan abstrak sih XDD aku kurang suka konflik di buku ini karena, err yah tanpa alasan yang jelas aku jadi kurang sreg bacanya:3 tapi at all buku ini baguslah. masih cocok dibaca kalau lagi senggang banget

Steph says

A.M.A.Z.I.N.G! I <3 Freds and Star is soooo funny. Honey makes me wanna piss, and it's just such a suspenseful book. I had to stay up till 3 last night b/c i wanted to see how it ended! I mean I had to see if she got back together with Freds after she was found wearing nothing but a robe in some other guy's dorm! HELLO! I couldn't put it down after that! You have to read it!!!!

Sheida says

This book was interesting throughout the whole body, but I highly disagree with the ending, that was so sudden and illogical all of a sudden. That is the only reason I just gave the book a 3. It's about this girl from LA named Calypso, and she moved to Britain, where she studies at a private school, has her friends and boyfriend, and her life seems just fine, except for very minor daily problems. One day, however, her mother moves out of their house in LA because of his dad's Opus, or the 'Big One'and the mother comes to spend some time with her daughter. However, it all makes this whole mess of misunderstandings each leading to another, and Calypse begins to have a hard time with it.

Fanny Roswita Ria says

Krisis keretakan hubungan ortu Calypso membuat dirinya jd depresi, terlebih lg hrs slh paham dg Freddie, pangeran pujaannya sekaligus kekasih hati
Calypso jg hrs menghadapi turnamen anggar internasional membuat dirinya semakin pusing

XxForeverXx_XSHERLOCKandSUPERNATURAL says

This was the first part in the book A Royal Mess which continued the third and fourth books of Calypso Chronicles. It was a good book and the other one in it was Dumping Princes which I will read next.

Kitty says

hilarious. characters are soooo funny! and I just wanna smack honey, but she's definitely a lot better compared to the second book. I'm a little confused by the next book tho. I mean it seems like Malcolm likes Indie and Indie likes Malcolm, but y does the next book say she's going to be choosing between freds and malc?

Valeria says

This had me giggling like crazy the whole way through

Beverly says

#3 in the hilarious Calypso Chronicles series (teen book). Calypso is having relationship problems with Freddy, partly because her mother has separated from her dad and moved back to England! to Clapham! of all places! Even worse, her mother talks to her in baby talk! Poor Calypso is terrified that Freddy might meet her mad madre and takes drastic measures to make sure the twain shall never meet. Madcap hijinks pile up one on the other in this hilarious story.

Tyne O'Connell says

The Calypso Chronicles is a series of four books written by Tyne O'Connell with the assistance of teens from Eton and St Mary's Ascot. While inspired on the life and pupils in these two schools the characters and stories are entirely fictional. The books are published by Bloomsbury USA and Piccadilly Press in the UK

The books are set in England between the fictional all girl's boarding school of St Augustine's and the all boys boarding school of Eades in Royal Berkshire, where everyone is titled (the Horrible Hon.'s) or rich in a terribly grand, "its so common to talk about wealth" sort of way. These are the daughters of royalty, rock stars, super celebrities and international world leaders all living together, carrying out dorm raids, secret escapes for midnight feasts, posting YouTube clips, updating their Facebook pages creating sensational headlines and manipulating the media. These books are like being told a naughty secret – like living within the pages of Hello, OK and Grazia magazine for the teen set.

Calypso Kelly, stands out for lots of reasons. Firstly she's "po" (poor) by St Augustine's standards as her parents are successful writers in Hollywood and while that might make her well off by average standards it marks her as common at a school where everyone is the son or daughter of aristocrats, celebrities or the Good & the Great. So it's no wonder Calypso feels like a fish out of water.

This is one of four Young Adult Fiction Romantic Comedy books following the life of Calypso Kelly at an all girls British Boarding School.

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Angelene says

Calypso is such a clueless girl! There were so many instances in which I wanted to strangle her for being so incredibly stupid. By her age, she should know better. This is the third in this series, but despite the faults of the main character, I find these books very entertaining. Great music on the CDs, too.

Emma says

I only read this book because it is about fencing. And, thankfully, the fencing parts were pretty good ones. Throughout the book there were some fencing jokes that I actually was able to find funny. And their fencing master was hilarious. But mostly, the book was pretty lame. A fine summer read, I suppose. But for the most part, the story wasn't particularly compelling. Enough that I wanted to keep reading, but not super good. But for a \$2 book from Powells, it was good enough. Apparently, this book is the third one in the series, however, I did not care enough to go back and read the other two. It was simple enough that I was perfectly able to understand with out those two.
