



Monthly Booklist

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Picture books for young children
about princes.

Bubba, the Cowboy Prince by Helen Ketteman, illus. by James Warhola. (1997) Ages 4-8
This fractured fairy tale sets the Cinderella story in Texas, complete with Fairy Godcow. The Wicked Stepdaddy is a rancher, and the glass slipper—what else?—a cowboy boot.

The Frog Prince, Continued by Jon Scieszka, illus. by Steve Johnson. (1991) Ages 3-8
The frog has turned into a prince, but he and the princess are *not* living happily ever after, so he looks for a witch to turn him back into a frog...but each witch is busy with another fairy tale.

King & King by Linda de Haan, illus. by Stern Nijland. (2002) Ages 4-8
When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, he can't find anyone he likes...until one princess brings her brother along.

The Paperbag Prince by Colin Thompson. (1992) Ages 5-9
The unusual "prince" in this story is an "old man in old clothes" who takes up residence in a dump. He scavenges, reuses trash, and observes as nature tries to reclaim his "kingdom."

Prince Cinders by Babette Cole. (1987) Ages 4-8
A gender role reversal makes a scrawny prince the hero of this Cinderella story. His fairy godmother accidentally turns him into an ape, but he prevails by *not* being big and burly.

Prince of the Birds by Amanda Hall. (2005) Ages 4-8
In this adaptation of a folktale from Moorish Spain, originally captured by Washington Irving, Prince Ahmed communicates with birds that help him escape imprisonment and find love.

The Prince's Bedtime by Joanne Oppenheim, illus. by Miriam Latimer. (2006) Ages 4-8
The prince in this rhyming book sees no reason to sleep when there's so much else to do. After many failed attempts to lull him to sleep, an old woman produces a bedtime story.

The Prince Won't Go to Bed! by Dayle Ann Dodds, illus. by Krysten Brook. (2007) Ages 3-7
Everyone in the castle works to try to get the prince to bed, but Princess Kate figures out that he just needs a goodnight kiss. Special features are collage illustrations, rhyme, and a refrain.

The Prince and the Pink Blanket by Barbara Brenner, illus. by Nola Langner. (1980) Ages 4-8
The prince's blanket makes the king crazy, so he takes it away until a great-great-uncle arrives with family videos that reveal the king's own blanket-toting days.