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Paula, Abril y Rita son tres amigas muy distintas entre sí. Su gran aventura comienza cuando, tras colaborar en un bazar escolar, encuentran una extraña caja de madera que nadie reclama. Una vez en casa, tratan de abrirla. Sin embargo, para poder hacerlo deben resolver un enigma. La caja es una especie de puerta que conecta con un mundo mágico. De ese mundo procede una pequeña hada llamada Trichibelle y el simpático rey Félix. Las tres amigas acompañan a estos personajes al reino de Secret Kingdom, el cual es una isla con forma de media luna. Allí ayudan al rey Félix y al hada a luchar contra la malvada reina Malicia.

Enchanted Palace Details

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From Reader Review Enchanted Palace for online ebook

Liz says

I would give this a solid 3.5 stars. I loved reading it to my four-year-old daughter as we snuggled up on the couch. We usually read two chapters a day (she begs for more, but that's all I can handle). She keeps up with the story line well and asks lots of questions about the different characters. I don't always have the answers, as the details don't dig too deep.

This is a good, clean, well written series that I'd recommend to any parent for read alouds or any middle aged elementary child (thinking, 2nd through 4th grade, maybe even 5th). The adventures the three main friends go on are always thrilling. Any young girl would love to be in their shoes, traveling to a secret kingdom to fight evil and save the magic of unicorns, fairies, mermaids and more.

Reagan says

Ellie, Summer, and Jasmine find a magical box, and it's magical powers brought people from the secret kingdom to the other world. They told the three girls that they really needed help.

Queen Malice, a wicked queen had sent thunderbolts into the magical world. One in the kings palace!

The girls and the kings pixie Trixie found the thunderbolt and destroyed it! But Queen Malice told them that they would never find the next thunderbolt that she would hide.

Will they find the next thunderbolt and destroy it? Read the second book of the Secret kingdom to find out.

I love this book. It is the best!

Rachel says

I received Secret Kingdom: Enchanted Palace from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you Netgalley, Scholastic, and Rosie Banks.

I read Enchanted Palace to my 5 year old daughter, reading one chapter a night at bedtime until we finished it. She really enjoyed it, and I thought the story was really cute and completely appropriate for any aged child. There was no language that I consider inappropriate for the early chapter book readers (dumb, stupid, hate, etc.) Obviously there is a fantasy aspect to this series, hence the title name the *Enchanted* Palace, but most of it is "happy" fantasy with only a few mentions of evil queen Malice. The story has a happy ending and has a slightly open ending that leads into the next book in this series.

I would recommend this series to early chapter book readers.

Katie Fitzgerald says

This is a review of Books 1 and 2 of the Secret Kingdom series.

Secret Kingdom is a brand-new series of paperback chapter books from Scholastic, which was originally published in the UK. The series focuses on the adventures of three girls - Ellie, Jasmine, and Summer - who stumble upon a mysterious old box with the power to transport them to the magical kingdom ruled by King Merry. The kingdom is in trouble, as the king's sister, Queen Malice, is intent on making everyone as miserable as she is by hiding six thunderbolts around the kingdom. With the help of a pixie named Trixi, the three girls must work together to track down the thunderbolts and destroy them before they can make any trouble. In the first book, Enchanted Palace, the girls visit the king's palace, where they help to save his birthday party from being ruined by the first thunderbolt. In the second book, Unicorn Valley, they help a group of unicorns put on the Golden Games, which are nearly canceled due to the second thunderbolt.

Unicorn Valley.

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My main purpose in reading these books was to find out how they compare to the Rainbow Magic series that is so insanely popular among early elementary school girls. It turns out that the two series have a lot in common. They are both British imports. Both involve female protagonists who are best friends and have storylines that unfold over multiple volumes. Both also sadly feature bland writing, flat characters, and trite dialogue.

These books are largely plot-driven, and the narration is very straightforward, with hardly any figurative language or true creative writing. The stories read more like a list of events sprinkled with dialogue than anything else. The characters are described in such a way that any girl can imagine herself as one of the protagonists. The first book does describe each girl - one is shy and bookish, one is outgoing and seeks the spotlight, and one is a joker and a klutz - but their behavior doesn't always reflect these qualities, and the girls are pretty much interchangeable. Even in dialogue, it's nearly impossible to discern who is speaking, as each character's speech sounds forced and generic.

The setting, too, is somewhat weak. In some ways, it is similar to the kinds of fantasy worlds little girls tend to imagine in their pretend play, which adds to the appeal, but in other ways, it seems like the story intentionally lacks world-building so that any magical creature can be pulled into the story for any purpose at any time. There is something to be said for the way the three girls use their ingenuity and teamwork skills to solve problems for King Merry - it reminds me of the way the Pevensie kids became royalty in Narnia - but the idea of watching them save 6 different magical populations from 6 different thunderbolts of doom sounds utterly boring to me.

The Secret Kingdom books look enough like the Rainbow Magic books that there is no question in my mind they will be borrowed from any library that owns them and purchased from any bookstore that will stock them. They do offer some opportunities for learning new vocabulary, and they provide comforting predictable plots for beginning chapter book readers, both of which are important, but they fall very short of being what I would call true literature. Books like this have their place in the reading lives of early elementary schoolers, but I would encourage parents to balance their kids' libraries with things like Scholastic's Branches books, Mermaids in the Backyard by Catherine Hapka, and the Daisy Dawson books.

Chrissy says

SECRET KINGDOM: ENCHANTED PALACE is most definitely one of those books that I totally judged by the cover -- although, not in a negative way, of course. I mean, just LOOK at this cover -- beautiful colors, adorable illustrations, and just enough magic for the kid in me to feel eager for what I presumed would be a fun little romp into childhood -- and generally, I was not disappointed here.

Ellie, Summer, and Jasmine are best friends who love doing EVERYTHING together. One day the girls discover a mysterious box cover in intricate etchings of fairies and magic, and the girls are intensely curious about the origins and meanings of the box. A series of cute riddles lead the girls to uncover a Secret Kingdom that is in dire need of assistance from the young friends. While a friendly King does his best to rule the kingdom peacefully, his hostile, bitter sister has an evil plan to win the Kingdom for herself, where she hopes to spread gloom and doom EVERYWHERE to match her angry spirit. The evil Queen has hidden a series of frightening black lightening bolts throughout the Kingdom, and her plans can only be averted if her evil magic bolts can be located and destroyed.

Can Ellie, Summer, and Jasmine decode the riddles and find the first bolt, rumored to be somewhere in the Enchanted Palace?

The first book in this fun little series is sure to thrill younger female readers, probably even those not quite ready to read chapter books but who enjoy hearing bedtime stories that encourage sweet dreams of creativity and excitement. Parents will also enjoy the sense of 'girl power' that comes from these three characters, who are each strong and resourceful in their unique young personalities -- and who definitely have no real problems solving riddles and stepping up to take charge of a new adventure.

(I did receive an advanced copy of this book for the purposes of providing an honest review. All thoughts are my own and are completely uninfluenced by the manner in which the book was received)

Tim Roast says

This is an ideal book for little girls. It has everything they love. It has magic, unicorns, friends, fairies, rainbows (that you can slide on), mermaids, shiny stars on the cover, pink-edged pages, free gifts (if you send off the tokens).

The story sees the three friends, Ellie, Summer and Jasmine, find a magic box which takes them to the Secret Kingdom with Trixie the fairy and King Merry. They are there to help King Merry defeat the evil Queen Malice.

So a story of good versus evil that had my nearly 6-year-old gripped as I read it for bedtime stories over a few nights. The text is nice and big so that she could probably attempt to read it herself (although a lot of words altogether) and there are nice pictures to add to the story, all of them in black and white though.

The story itself is short and only part 1 of six (although it is self-contained), so from that aspect it is a little disappointing. It is designed to lead you to purchase the other books in the series, what with the token

collecting for free gifts, the spines and the magic word competition at the end, but young girls will love it because of all that is contained within.

Eva Lucia says

Also posted on Eva Lucias blog

Tak til Flachs for anmeldereksemplaret

Det fortryllede slot er første del af den lange serie, som hedder Det Hemmelige Rige. Serien er skrevet af Rosie Banks. Man kastes fluks ind i historien og der sker allerede meget fra start. De tre tætte veninder (Ella, Sofie og Jasmin) finder et magisk skrin og dette skrin åbner en stor og magisk verden for dem, hvor alt kan ske. De er slet ikke klar over, hvor meget de kommer til at opleve, men det vil bringe dem minder, som kun vil gøre dem stærkere og tættere veninder.

Den magiske verden hedder Det Hemmelige Rige, hvor man kan alting: spise glitrende kager, flyve og der er mange eventyr, som venter på de tre piger. Allerede i denne første del i serien bliver de sat på en opgave. De skal nemlig hjælpe kongen (kong Munter) og alfen Trixi, så den onde dronning Malice ikke formår at ødelægge hans 1000 års fødselsdag og de mange festligheder, som er planlagt. Man opdager i sin læsning, at der er gang i plottet og at de tre veninder er seje, stærke og individuelle, så de forskellige typer af læsere vil kunne relatere til dem.

Det Hemmelige Rige er en serie, som henvender sig rigtig fint til piger mellem 9-12 år. Det er en serie med magi, fantastiske og magiske væsener, et sterkt venskab, og sidst, men ikke mindst: Letlæselige og underholdende dialoger og et plot spækket med handling. Jeg ville med glæde anbefale denne serie til pige, som har lyst til at dykke ned i et magisk univers, hvor alt kan ske, uden at det bliver uhyggeligt. Det er en serie, som man kan smile af og more sig over med de fine og underholdende karakterer, særligt i den magiske verden.

Det fortryllede slot er en rigtig fin start, men jeg er sikker på, at universet vil åbne sig for meget mere end hvad den har gjort i denne første bog. Jeg vil glæde mig til at se, hvad der vil komme til at ske.

Det Hemmelige Rige består (indtil videre) af 24 bøger og der er planlagt 30 bøger i serien, så det er bare med at komme i gang. God fornøjelse!

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DelAnne Frazee says

Title: Secret Kingdom #1: Enchanted Palace

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Reviewer: DelAnne

Rating: 4,75 Starts

From the book : Enter a magical world full of friendship and fun! Ellie, Summer, and Jasmine are the very best of friends. Then one day, they find a magical box that whisk them away to the Secret Kingdom, a world full of every wonderfully magical thing under the sun. But an evil queen wants to ruin the Secret Kingdom so she can rule it for all time

A simple quick read for young readers that transports them away from the mundane every day to a world of imagination. Accompanied by adorable pen and ink drawings. My 8 and 9 year old nieces loved this season.

My rating of "Secret Kingdom #1" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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Mehsi says

This was a fun, cute little book. I loved the characters, though they are a bit stereotypical in how they behave or dress, every one of them has their set roles. Which is a bit a shame.

I loved the whole kingdom and all the magical creatures that resided there. The author sure is good with descriptions and the illustrations also help. At times I felt like I was there with the girls trying to find out how to fix things, eating cupcakes/cookies that make you fly. It was all wonderful.

I am not sure if I will continue reading the books, they aren't that easily found here, and considering the series is not over yet (there are almost 30 books), I might just wait until everything is out/translated. Yes, I read this one in Dutch, but since this was such a fun book I write my review in English.

But all in all a wonderful book, and I am sure kids will love it. It is sweet, easy to read and just delightful fun.

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Lucy says

Enchanted Palace and all other books from Secret Kingdom series are with adorable, colourful and very beautiful covers and also very nice illustrations, but that is not all, because they are wonderful, sweet and interesting books to read as well. Secret Kingdom series are just perfect for girls in age range 7-10 years.

Enchanted Palace are the 1st book in all the series (there are 6 different series plus specials) and in the first series group with 6 books (Enchanted Palace, Unicorn Valley, Cloud Island, Mermaid Reef, Magic Mountain and Glitter Beach). These books have almost everything in them for girls who love fantasy and magic: friendship, secrets, pixies, unicorns, mermaids, rainbow slide, and many other magical creatures and animals.

I enjoyed this magical and lovely story of Enchanted Palace, which introduced the main characters: human girls: Ellie, Summer and Jasmine, Trixi the pixie, the King Merry, kings evil sister Queen Malice, naughty Storm Sprites and the Kingdom itself. I would recommend this book for girls who love magic, magical creatures and exciting adventures.

I loved that tiny pixie called Trixibelle and the King Merry. The tree girls: Ellie, Summer and Jasmine, were lovely but a bit stereotypical, therefore, I didn't completely connect with them, but still I liked the girls and followed their first adventures with interest. In each of the six books the three best friends need to save the kingdom from evil Queens Malice's spells, which takes them every time to a new place in the kingdom and on a new exciting and magical adventure. The author very nicely, shortly and a bit differently introduces the main characters and story in every book. The books are very easy to read and beautifully written.

Joey says

This review was first posted at <http://3kidsreviews.com/?p=36> book reviews by kids for kids by Rosie age 6

The first book in the Secret Kingdom series

This book has a lot of things in it that I like such as fairies and unicorns. The girls are normal kids who discover fairies. This is the first book of the series where the girls get to know the fairies. The fairies in this book are different than in some of the other series that I have read because they don't have wings and use much less magic. They are more like regular people who are just very tiny. Even the unicorns are different than in any story I have read before. In this first book we discover that an evil queen has hidden 6 thunderbolts throughout the fairy kingdom that cause bad things to happen. I think that each book will have the girls and fairies working together exploring different parts of the kingdom to find the thunderbolts. I really like how this book sets up the story for the rest of the series. I also like that the girls were like me and my friends and I could imagine us going on the adventure.

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Jennie Summers says

I loved the humour and the characters.

Louise Mundt says

The beginning of the secret kingdom series is not as strong as its predecessors but it is still a fun and magical experience with quirky characters and original ideas.

Aleece says

After a rumage sale at school Summer, Ellie and Jasmine find a mysterious box that won't open. They take it home and clean it up, while cleaning it a riddle appears on the mirror and when they solve the riddle they activate magic within the box and the King and a fairy emerge and need the three girls help to rescue the Secret Kingdom.

This was a very cute story that I believe will be popular with the girls that love the rainbow magic books. Each girl has their own personality and their own talents that they are good at and their friendly and cheerful personalities help save the day.

I received this advanced copy from Scholastic through Netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

Susan says

Very cute. Not quite as fun as the Princess Daniella books, but these are apparently in English, which the Princess Daniella books aren't, and series is a bit easier to read. Ella read the first one in 2 days and she's almost done with the 2nd.

Plot: 3 best friends find a jewelry box that won't open. When a riddle appears, the girls figure it out and the box finally opens. They end up on an adventure to save the secret kingdom from the king's evil sister, who wants to ruin the king's birthday. The kingdom needs the girls' help to break the spell that Vilein has put on the people and save the birthday celebrations.
