

Discussion Questions

A Princess in Disguise by April Michelle Davis (ISBN-13: 978-1771801621)

Plot

How does the story begin? What happens in the middle? How does the story end?

Characters

What are their names?

What are their professions?

What is their physical description?

What is their relationship to Princess Margaret?

Did you like each character? Why or why not?

Is the diary a character?

Settings

Where is the story set?

What is the time period?

What words or phrases from the book tell about the location?

Your Opinion

What is your favorite part? Why?

What is the most memorable part of the story?

What is your favorite quote (3–5 sentences) from the book?

What is the moral (a message) of this story?

Would you recommend this book to someone? Why? Who?

Rating

Give the story a rating out of 5 stars: 

Chapter 1

1. Why does Princess Margaret not want to be in an arranged marriage?
2. Why does Princess Margaret sneak out of the palace?
3. How does Princess Margaret meet Huntley?

Chapters 2

1. How is Huntley similar to the palace gardens?
2. What is to be announced at the ball?
3. Is the type of marriage Princess Margaret wants a possibility for a royal?

Chapter 3

1. What are some of the things that Princess Margaret did to convince her father to let her marry someone she loves?
2. What does Princess Margaret do to stop her father from selling Annie's son?
3. What is the conversation about that Princess Margaret and Eleanor have in Princess Margaret's bedroom?
4. What is happening to Princess Margaret when Huntley sees her for the second time?
5. What does Princess Margaret ask Huntley?
6. What "freedom" do the commoners have that Princess Margaret longs for?

Chapter 4

1. What misconceptions about peasants does Princess Margaret believe?
2. What makes Princess Margaret feel free?
3. Do Princess Margaret and Huntley have the same beliefs about marriage? For commoners? For royals?

Chapter 5

1. What is the reaction of Huntley's crew to Princess Margaret being onboard their ship?
2. What is the first meal Princess Margaret cooks, and who teaches her?
3. What is the significance of birds flying over lands?

Chapter 6

1. The size of Huntley's boat accommodates only him and his two crewmen. Where will Huntley sleep if Princess Margaret sleeps in his bed?
2. What does the hardness of Huntley bed reveal to Princess Margaret?
3. Having Princess Margaret onboard Huntley's boat causes what concern for Huntley and what risks for his crewmen?

Chapter 7

1. The first-time experience of wearing the same clothes for more than one day teaches Princess Margaret something about her people. What is it?
2. How does the misshaped step relate to the extensive education that Princess Margaret and her sisters received?
3. What does the soothsayer say about Princess Margaret, and does it depict what actually happens?
4. Princess Margaret has now learned to cook a basic meal, but what is lacking from the meal that she misses?

Chapter 8

1. What is the last thing Princess Margaret did with her sisters before she ran away from the palace? What was their conversation about?
2. What does Princess Margaret talk to her father about? Why was he not surprised?
3. What is Huntley's perception of the reason behind royal marriages?

Chapter 9

1. Why was Princess Margaret hesitant to start a fire?
2. Princess Margaret is experiencing many firsts. Name some of them.
3. What are some of the reasons why the commoners could not better themselves?
4. Why is it difficult for Princess Margaret to talk to people of different classes?

Chapter 10

1. Why does Cliff dislike Princess Margaret?
2. What is Princess Margaret learning about how her father's ruled?
3. Why does Huntley give Princess Margaret tips on how to behave and act?

Chapter 11

1. What is the significance of the dream at the beginning of the chapter to the scene at the end of the same chapter where Princess Margaret falls over the side of the boat?
2. The first tender moment between Princess Margaret and Huntley is after she wakes up from a terrifying dream. The second tender moment between them is after Huntley rescued her from the rails of the boat. The feelings that Huntley is stirring in Princess Margaret are the ones she dreams of having

for her husband. Will having these feelings cause her to forsake ever returning to her father's palace?

Chapter 12

1. Princess Margaret left much of her jewelry behind at the palace for her return. Why does Princess Margaret think she will return to the palace?
2. What is the argument about between Princess Margaret and Huntley that led up to their first kiss?
3. Huntley gives Princess Margaret a chocolate shaped like a rose. What other scene in the book has a rose in it?

Chapter 13

1. Besides helping Quincy and Huntley get wood for the boat, what other activities does Princess Margaret do that were not customary for a princess?
2. Princess Margaret tells Huntley that the ballroom is her favorite room in the palace. Why is it her favorite room?
3. Why does Princess Margaret continue to look for her mother when she finds love with Huntley?

Chapter 14

1. Why does Princess Margaret look directly into people's eyes?
2. Does Huntley's eyes betray his actions, or are the characteristics of his eyes the same characteristics that make up his personality?

Chapter 15

1. Princess Margaret teaches Huntley how to listen for the beat in nature and in music. How does she relate nature to music?
2. Why does Huntley stop asking about Princess Margaret's life at the palace?

Chapter 16

1. Why is Huntley sleeping in the same room as a princess?
2. Why does Princess Margaret's uncle, King Philippe, allow the guards to let into his palace a person calling herself by the name of Sylvania Montclair when he knows his sister is in hiding?
3. Why does Princess Margaret's uncle not ask her to stay at his palace instead of having her escorted back outside the palace gates after they speak?

Chapter 17

1. As Princess Margaret walks back to the boat, a soldier approaches her and gives her a bag. What is inside the bag, and how will the contents change her life?
2. Someone from the palace comes to Huntley's boat looking for Prince Margaret. How does the person know where to find her?

Chapter 18

1. Why does King Philippe come for Princess Margaret?
2. King Philippe built a dresser and a trunk. Why had Princess Margaret not known about the trunk?
3. King Philippe contacts Princess Margaret's mother and she writes back. What did she write in her letter?

Chapter 19

1. Is Princess Margaret surprised by what her mother wrote in her letter?
2. Princess Margaret wants to write to her mother even though she now realizes that finding her mother is not the answer to who she really is. Why does Princess Margaret ask her uncle to let her write a letter?
3. Princess Margaret's uncle also had a life-changing event. What is it and how does it influence him?

Chapter 20

1. Princess Margaret goes to a rose bedchamber to wait for her uncle's instructions. This is the third mention of a rose in the storyline. What does a rose symbolize?
2. There is an unusual twist to the story. Huntley demands to speak to King Philippe, and King Philippe allows Huntley to sail away on business and then return to the king's palace to take Princess Margaret back home. Did you think this is would be the twist?
3. Why does the illustrations drawn by Huntley on the note that he left for Princess Margaret help determine her destiny?
4. How do the contents of Princess Margaret's father's gift box that he gave her on her birthday seal Princess Margaret's destiny? Why is she chosen to receive the key to the trunk?
5. Princess Margaret and her mother both write in diaries. What other things do they have in common?
6. Huntley in Princess Margaret's first love. It has been said that you never get over your first love. How is that also true for Princess Margaret?