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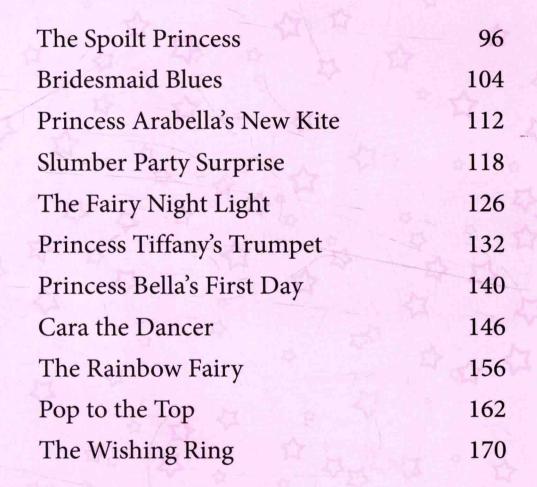
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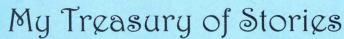












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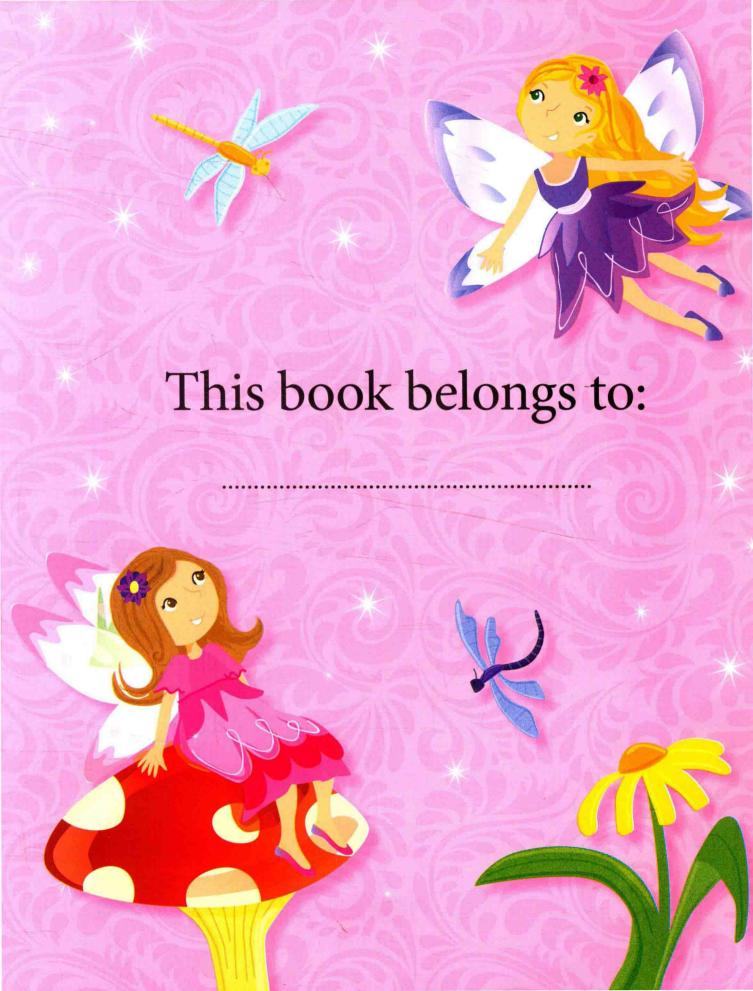
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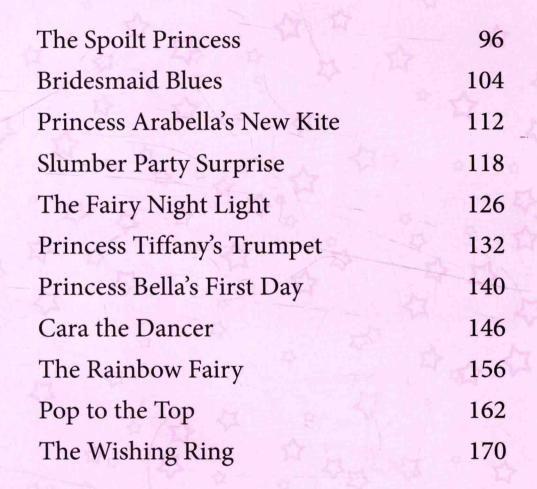
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Princess Crystal's Cleaner-Upper

Princess Crystal was fed up with the royal family. They were just so messy and lazy. The queen left her clothes lying around everywhere. The king never wiped his feet on the mat when he came in and her brother and sister never tidied away their toys.

It was the day of the royal ball and Princess Crystal was worried. "What will all the guests say if the palace is a complete mess?" she thought to herself. She opened her bedroom door and stepped out into the hall. Crystal gasped. "Oh, no!" she said. "It's even messier than usual."

As Crystal looked down the stairs, she could see paint splodges, muddy footprints all over the carpets and cobwebs hung from the ceiling. "How am I going to clean all this by tonight?" she thought.

"Don't worry," said the king, who was walking up the stairs. "We will do it later." Princess Crystal sighed. She knew her family wouldn't do it later. They were too lazy for that.

Luckily, Crystal was very good at inventing things. "I wonder if maybe I need to invent something to clean all this mess?" thought Princess Crystal. "It must be quicker than tidying it all up by myself."







Princess Crystal reached for her tool belt and dashed off to her royal workshop. Quickly, she set to work designing a machine to tidy up the palace in time for the grand ball.

The problem was, Princess Crystal's inventions didn't always work quite how they were supposed to. Once, she had built a Sunshine Maker that had made it rain for three weeks and another time, she created an Automatic Weeder that had pulled up the queen's best roses. However, she was sure that her latest idea would work perfectly. "I'll call it the Cleaner-Upper," decided the princess, as she tightened the last screw on her new device.

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Princess Crystal couldn't wait to try out her new invention. She wheeled it straight to the kitchen and flicked the switch to turn it on. With a click and a whirr, the Cleaner-Upper sprang into action, wiping up crumbs, washing the dishes and sweeping away all the cobwebs.

Before long, the whole room was spotless. The silver cutlery sparkled and the white plates shone. Even the cereal boxes were lined up in a neat row. The princess was delighted. "The Cleaner-Upper will clear away all the clutter in no time," she said. "Everything will be nice and neat before the guests arrive tonight."



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Crystal took the Cleaner-Upper all around the palace. It dusted and vacuumed, sorted and swept until everywhere was fresh and clean.

Soon, there was only one room left to tackle. The princess pushed the machine into the grand ballroom and switched it on. "This is my best invention ever," she said, as the clever contraption mopped the dance floor and polished the chandeliers at the same time.

Suddenly, the Cleaner-Upper started to tremble. It made a low rumbling noise that got louder and louder, until the princess had to cover her ears. Then, there was a loud bang and a cloud of dust, dirt, crumbs and cobwebs spurted out all over the ballroom.

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"Now the ballroom is more untidy than ever," howled Princess Crystal, looking around her at all the muddle and mess. "I'll never get it cleaned up before the ball."

The rest of the royal family had heard the bang and rushed in to see what all the noise was about. When they saw how upset Princess Crystal was, they promised to help clear away the mess. "Sorry we have all been so lazy," they said. "We will be tidier from now on."

The queen pulled on her royal rubber gloves and started sweeping while the king polished until he could see his face in the shiny reflection. "What a handsome old fellow," he remarked, smiling at himself.





The royal family worked together all day long, tidying and cleaning the ballroom. They were just putting away their brooms and dusters when the guests started to arrive for the grand ball.

The queen quickly straightened her crown and brushed a couple of crumbs off the king's robe. The prince shook a cobweb out of his hair and the two princesses dusted down their dresses.

Then, the royal family gave their best sparkling smiles and, one by one, they welcomed their guests to the gleaming ballroom.