

Priscilla and the Pink Planet

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Priscilla lives on a planet where everything is pink. "Pink, pink, pink!" she cries with fright. "Pink to the left and pink to the right!" Priscilla dreams of seeing the world in other colors and ends up teaching the Great Queen of Pink that diversity leads to true beauty. Told in lyrical verse, here is a clever read-aloud that's sure to become a modern classic.

Jocelyn and Nathaniel Hobbie are the daughter and son of our bestselling author/artist, Holly Hobbie. Jocelyn holds a B.F.A. from RISD and works for a contemporary art dealer in New York, NY. Nathaniel Hobbie is also a fine artist who works with metal and wood. He lives in Holyoke, MA. This is their first picture book, and they are currently working a Priscilla sequel, scheduled for fall 2005.

PreSchool-Grade 3-Priscilla lives on a planet where everything is some shade of pink. After eating one too many bowls of pink porridge, she decides to search the world for at least one other color. Told in Seussian rhyme, the story follows the girl as she steps off the road and makes her own path through meadows, rocks, and swamps. Discouraged, she asks aloud for a sign, and what should appear but a beautiful multicolored butterfly. She chases it, only to see it captured by the Great Queen of Pink. The queen, of course, likes only pink, and all other colors must be kept underground. Priscilla comes up with a plan to change the monarch's mind and break her spell. This is an entertaining book, and the engaging cartoon illustrations are filled with interesting details. The contrast from the world of pink to just the one colorful butterfly is dramatic. After the queen releases all of the colors, the pages are filled with a grand array of tints and shades. This could be a fun title to use with an art class and also makes a bouncy read-aloud.-Elaine Lesh Morgan,

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