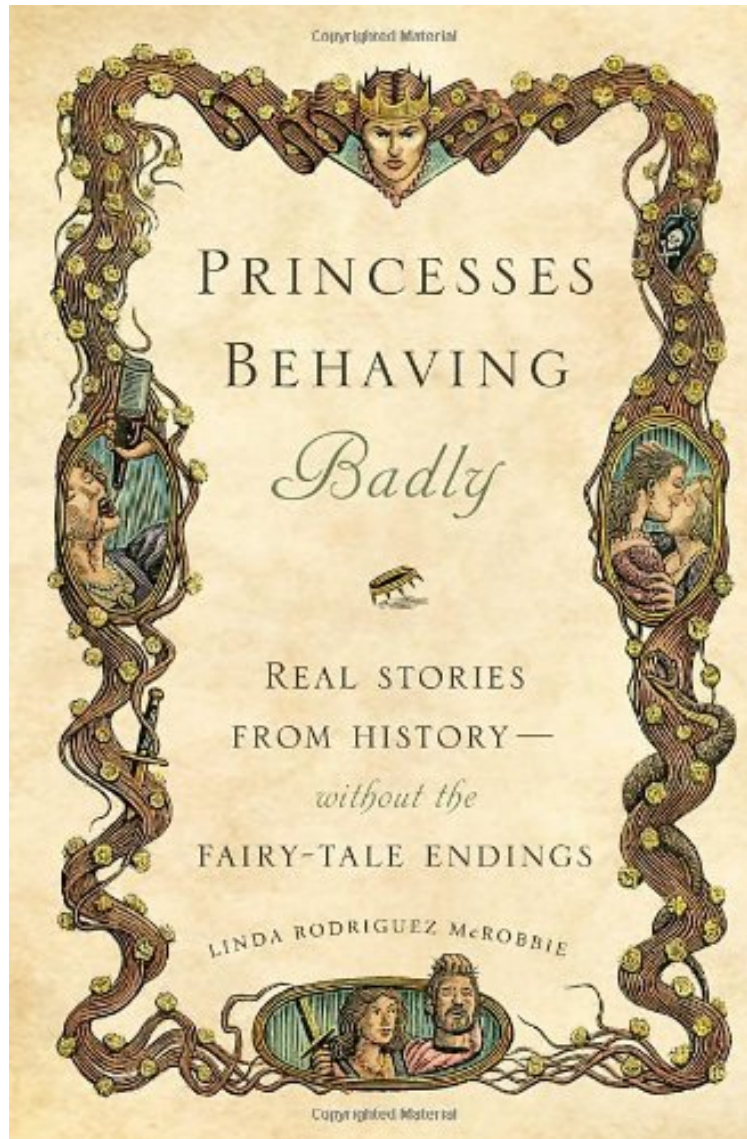


Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories from History Without the Fairy-Tale Endings

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Linda Rodriguez McRobbie : Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories from History Without the Fairy-Tale Endings before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories from History Without the Fairy-Tale Endings:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious take on history By C. Kemp Damsels in distress these ladies

are not. After reading this hilarious compilation, I looked up some of the ladies mentioned and their stories are accurate in Ms McRobbie's book, but she brings their stories to life in an amazing way. Young teen girls might find this inspiring, since most of these amazing women don't fit today's description of "pretty princesses." 39 of 41 people found the following review helpful. Was interesting until it turned into a gossip rag
By 4boyz4me
Review first published on jenasbookreviews.blogspot.com
A collection of mini-biographies of princesses through history that did not behave in what one might call "typical princess" fashion. The book is divided into sections based on how the princesses deviated from the standard we think of and then each had a handful of biographies that fit into that heading. I wanted to like this more than I did and in the beginning, I was really enjoying it. I liked hearing about the Warrior Princesses who would not marry a man unless they could best them or charging into battle or running away from marriage to become a pirate. Those seemed well-researched and if short, offered what felt like a good overall mini-biography. As the book progressed through, it started feeling much more like a gossip magazine with just pulling out the juicy bits as much as possible, maybe with a few possible explanations thrown in but not expounded upon, and then giving entries with 1-2 paragraphs on other notable women that could go under the section titles. The tone seemed to change a bit as well with the earlier princesses getting a more matter of fact tone and then it switching to a more "you know what I mean, wink wink" kind of tone as things progressed into the "scandalous" sections. It felt like a juvenile way of handling the material. In all, I just wasn't impressed and won't be looking further into this author.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Princesses we need to know
By Kindle Customer
Some of these I was familiar with, some I had never heard of. That was a nice mix. The chapters helped the organization. I will want to learn more about some of these women, for their challenges and their successes. History doesn't record enough about the ladiesmaybe people will start paying more attention.

You think you know her story. You've read the Brothers Grimm, you've watched the Disney cartoons, and you cheered as these virtuous women lived happily ever after. But real princesses didn't always get happy endings. Sure, plenty were graceful and benevolent leaders, but just as many were ruthless in their quest for power and all of them had skeletons rattling in their royal closets. Princess Stephanie von Hohenlohe was a Nazi spy. Empress Elisabeth of the Austro-Hungarian empire slept wearing a mask of raw veal. Princess Olga of Kiev slaughtered her way to sainthood while Princess Lakshmi Bai waged war on the battlefield, charging into combat with her toddler son strapped to her back. *Princesses Behaving Badly* offers true tales of all these princesses and dozens more in a fascinating read that's perfect for history buffs, feminists, and anyone seeking a different kind of bedtime story.

Forget conventional fairy-tale endings
From pirate princesses to princesses with bizarre beauty routines to warrior royalty, this book shows there's a lot more to life than a cookie-cutter story.
Bustle
History has produced some very real, very dangerous ladies who make their movie and book counterparts seem lame by comparison. From Nazi spy to bloodthirsty killer, these women were not meek in any way. Heck, one of them even wore a mask of raw veal! You'll find out all this and more in this little book of miniature biographies.
Geeks of Doom ...
McRobbie includes a good mix that will satisfy anyone who loves tales of history and audacity.
Terri Schlichenmeyer, *The Bookworm Sez...*
an important and impressive contribution to the feminist narrative.
Bustle magazine
Princess, diva, pain in the ass all terms that resonate throughout *Princesses Behaving Badly*, which tells of royal terrors who make modern gossip queens seem as demure as Snow White.
New York Post
McRobbie gives many of these princesses exactly what their stories require: a narrative that tells their stories in broad strokes, without omitting any of the juicy details.
ForeWord
sIrreverent, informative, and entertaining, *Princesses Behaving Badly* is the perfect companion to royal novels. Jennifer Conner, *Literate Housewife...*
[*Princesses Behaving Badly*] is a major addition to feminist libraries, and more importantly, it's lots of fun!
Anna Jedrzejewski, *Retailing Insight*
About the Author
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McRobbie has written for the Boston Herald, Christian Science Monitor, CNN Money, US News World Report, and Mental Floss. She lives in London with her husband, son, and cat. Douglas Smith is an award-winning illustrator. He is perhaps best known for illustrating Gregory Maguire's *Wicked* novels.