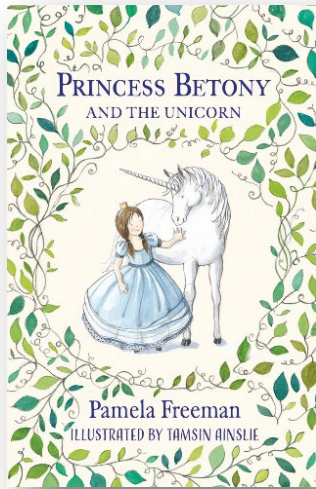


Princess Betony and the Unicorn
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- Princess Betony likes to read underneath a desk. Which are your favorite places to read?
- Betony thinks the princesses in fairy tales are “mostly rather silly.” Do you agree? Why or why not? How is Betony different from the fairy tales princesses you've read about?
- Describe the garden you might have if you could make plants grow with magic.
- Why do you think the mention of the Wild Magic seemed to scare the Lord Chancellor?
- According to Lady Pineal, overalls and gum boots aren't suitable attire for a princess. What do you think a princess should wear?
- Why do you think the baker's boy didn't call out when he saw Betony at the window?
- How is this book like a fairy tale? How is it different?
- Which character in this story would you like to be? Why?
- Pretend you're the author and want to add another character to the story.
 - Who would it be?
 - What would they look like?
 - Draw a picture of your character.
- Now that Betony has won acceptance from the Dark Forest, what do you think will happen in the next book in the series?





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1. Write definitions of the following words which appear in *Princess Betony and the Unicorn*. Look them up in a dictionary if you're unsure what they mean. Write a sentence using each one.

Stout	Mongrel
Shrewd	Chivy
Sinuous	Poltergeist
Perilous	

2. Write a short paragraph describing each of these characters, or choose one and write your own story featuring them.

Princess Betony	The Lord Chancellor
Lady Pineal	Rosey
Queen Salixia	Ralph the Wizard
King Max	

3. Research these magical beings mentioned in the book. Choose one and write a story about them. Add illustrations to your story.

Dryads	Griffins
Undines	Rocs
Naiads	Harpies

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