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# Sofia The First The Floating Palace



## Synopsis

Sofia meets Princess Ariel in this adorable mermaid tale! During her family vacation on a floating palace, Sofia befriends a mermaid, and through their friendship, helps save the mermaid's kingdom and brings their two worlds together. Based on the Disney Junior movie event featuring Princess Ariel airing in mid-November 2013!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

While my daughter is a hardcore Sofia the First fanatic, she isn't too much into this book. Although, Ariel (The Little Mermaid) makes an appearance, this just doesn't seem like the kind of book Princess Sofia would be in. We pre-ordered it and she has only asked me to read it one time...as opposed to the other Sofia the First book that we read every night. I didn't think the story line was too great but the illustrations are cute as always :)

When I saw that this book is also going to be a movie the writing style made a lot more sense. I love the illustrations and the story has potential, but it feels a bit choppy as you read it. And kind of like you are reading a shortened version of the story.... My 2 year old still likes it but I wonder how much lasting appeal it will have.

OK, I love these Sofia books because the illustrations are lovely and the way they're written makes for a fun read...but I just don't like the way they translated the story from TV to print. First off, they make Oona's mom sound like a total jerk...like she is just wanting to hurt everyone and there is no explanation. And they didn't explain anything!! And then, they never even explained that the sea monster was Cedric and when Sofia was outsmarting him, they put a quote in the book as if Cedric said it when really, in the show, it was Sofia who said it and it changes the whole context. In the show, Sofia is clever and tells Cedric "what are you gonna do make me disappear" so that Cedric would cast the disappear spell but make the cage disappear but they make the sea monster say that in the book. I know it seems silly but it bugs me!!

My daughter had a preview of this on her nook which had the narration. When I decided to purchase it for her on her kindle I expected it to have the narration also, since the price was almost the same but we were disappointed. We love the book otherwise.

We found the story to be disappointing and boring. I didn't understand why the mermaid mom didn't go rescue her own daughter. It was not believable that she would send a little girl, like Sofia, to go save her child. How can mermaid mom be powerful enough to possibly bring down the floating palace but she couldn't fight the sea creature? Surely, they can think of a better way to bring Ariel into Sofia's life than this and turning Sofia into a mermaid? Ariel got legs so what was she doing swimming around the ocean as a mermaid or was this story supposed to be before Ariel became human? If so, then she wouldn't be a princess so why was she helping Sofia?

The book is a mess. My 3 year old likes Sofia (not sure how she even knows who she is, as we've never watched the show). So when she saw this book at Costco, I agreed to buy it for her. What a mistake. The writing is just terrible. The story makes absolutely no sense. From reading some of the other reviews, it sounds like this is based on a tv episode. So perhaps it doesn't seem so bad when you know more than what is on the page. Standing on its own merit, this is a waste of money.

Sofia The First: The Floating Palace is a Disney book written by Cathy Hapka and drawn by Grace Lee. In this story, Princess Sofia befriends an injured mermaid named Oona and with her good deed, her amulet transformed her into a mermaid! Now Sofia and Oona, with the help of Princess Ariel, the Little Mermaid, must prevent both the surface world and the undersea kingdom from

starting a battle! This is a great book for fans of Sofia, the Littles Disney Princess!

My son loves Sofia and this nice large storybook is great for bedtime stories. Also it goes along with one of the episodes that was already made so, it was nice for him to add to the story while we were reading.

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