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This e-short prequel to The False Princess will appeal to fans of Shannon Hale and Tamora Pierce, giving them a new author to love and a new fantasy world to enter, a world filled with wizardry, mystery, and just the right touch of romance.

This prequel introduces the court of Thorvaldor, Nalia, its princess, who has reached the magical age of sixteen, and her best friend, Kiernan, the earl's son who loves her but feels he is too far below her in rank to dream of making a match with her.

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Dani says

A cute, short story from Kiernan's POV that takes place about a year before the events of *The False Princess*. While this story is not necessary to understanding the larger narrative of *The False Princess*, it does provide further character building/back story for both Kiernan and Nalia, as well as the chance to observe Kiernan's perspective on the nature of their friendship/relationship. If you enjoyed the novel, or if you are new to O'Neal's book and are wanting to get a small overview of the characters and relationships featured in *The False Princess*, I'd recommend picking up *A Royal Birthday*.

Rebekah says

Nice teaser that takes place before A False Princess.

Diana says

A year before the events of "The False Princess," Kieran frets about what gift to give Princess Nalia for her birthday.

Very cute and very short, just a taste of life before the upheaval in the novel.

Nikki says

I loved this! My only problem with it was that it was too short. It's been a while since I've read *The False Princess* but I wanted to read it again and when I realized there was a short prequel to it I was so excited. I absolutely loved it and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good romance especially one about a princess. I really can't wait to reread *The False Princess* now.

Margaret says

A satisfying diversion while I was waiting for dinner to cook. The story was short and sweet. It added more depth to the character of Kiernan. It was nicely focused which is appreciated when reading a short story. I look forward to reading more of Ellis O'Neal's work.

Beka says

A nice little insight into Kiernan's feelings.

twice_baked? says

2.5 stars. It's only a couple pages long, but it was kind of fun to read. It was whatever. Passable. Ignore-able. Didn't need to be written, but it was nice. This all sounds negative - I enjoyed it, as a short story to pass the time (and add to my reading challenge lol), and it was nice to read about Nalia's (Sinda's) life before her 16th birthday. And it was based around her birthday, so you got to know what she experienced at her birthdays (because in *The False Princess*, you don't get to see her 16th, it's already passed).

And of course you get a story from Kiernan's perspective, which is a plus. All in all, really, I think I gave it three stars because it was Kiernan's pov and I really liked Kiernan. It was ok, and I liked it, so 2.5 stars.

Olivia says

A cute little missing scene from the book.

Stas says

Sort and cute. Kiernan is a darling

Melissa says

This is a short story that takes place a year before *The False Princess*. It can be read before or after you read *The False Princess*. It is in Kiranan's POV which was fun to read. It was also really nice to get a glimpse of Nalia(Sinda) before her life got turned upside down. It was nice to see her laughing and having fun. The whole book of the *False Princess* Sinda is being ripped apart by one thing after another. Very short tho, I wish it had been a little longer:}

Mindy says

Super sweet and cute, and a pleasure to read. This little story is the perfect reminder of how much I enjoyed the world and characters Eilis O'Neal created in *A False Princess*.

Lydia says

This is a very *short* short story (~25 pages), which is part of why only three stars. The rest of the reason is it's been a *long* time since I read *False Princess*, so I honestly don't remember much of what was going on

"behind the scenes" which made integrating this small story piece into the greater whole difficult. Otherwise, it's a nice couple of days back with some great characters. So do yourself a favor, read this right after you finish *False Princess* and you will be a lot happier!

Content notes: No issues.

K Ada says

Nice little read, and good little teaser for the main event ... book 1, "The False Princess". Heading there now

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Coralie says

A cute little short story for sure! I need to re-read the novel now! I love the characters and I loved the chosen point of view for this novella. I really like the Nalia, for obvious reasons I'm sure! Hey, we're all bookworms here!!

Krystal says

great prequel to the false princess
