

BOOKLIST

O'NEILL, Cathy. *The Princess Revolt*. 352p. (Unraveled: Bk. 1). S. & S./Aladdin. Mar. 2022. Tr \$17.99. ISBN 9781534497740.

This hits the ground running with a fascinating mystery: 13-year-old Cia hasn't slept in 11 days. After some strange happenings and an unsuccessful visit with a pediatrician, Cia looks to the boxes in her attic to search for clues and finds the information of a fortune teller. Cia learns that the person who once helped her with some baby insomnia also slipped her a little anti-princess spell, which is now manifesting in all sorts of magical princess aftereffects: A boy turns into a beast. Cia suddenly has a phenomenal singing voice. Woodland animals attack her on sight. The unpredictability of these side effects make this a fun page-turner, even as the plot takes its time to develop the mystery. It isn't until about halfway through that major discoveries are revealed and readers can begin to guess what might happen next. What would a princess do for her Happily Ever After? Any reader who loves magical adventures and references to classic fairy tales will not want to miss this one. — *Kristina Pino*