


Prince Percy and the Big Red Ruby



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Chapter 1

Percy was a prince. He lived in a tall castle on a hill. The castle was lovely with white and gray stones that glittered in the sun.



The chairs were made from dark carved wood and green velvet.



His library had many books.



The castle had fifty rooms.
Here are some of them.



One of the greatest things about Percy's castle was the castle grounds. There were hundreds of bushes and trees. There was even a maze made with shrubs.



The castle grounds had five huge fountains. Percy liked this fountain best of all.

The birds loved it, too.



Percy's castle had a huge stable with forty horses. This was Percy's horse. It was light brown with white spots, and it had a white mane.





Percy even had a beautiful peacock. It strutted around and showed off its tail.

Percy was a little bit like the peacock. He strutted around proudly, feeling important in his fancy clothes and golden crown.



Percy thought he was too good to be friends with the children in town.

The king and queen were very sad. They loved Percy, but they could see that he was very smug and selfish.

One day they watched Percy out the window turning his nose up while a baker was bringing his cart to the castle.

“Oh,” sighed the king. “I wish there were a way to make Percy more kind. Surely we have spoiled him!”

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When Prince Percy, proud as a peacock, is rescued by a humble family in the woods, he is shocked to learn something—the family believes they are richer than he is. What treasure could they possibly possess that would compare to his prized ruby? Through adventure, misfortune, and the love and forgiveness of the people in his kingdom, Percy might just be able to learn what is truly valuable.



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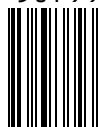


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