

Book of a Thousand Days

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Dashti is maid to a princess who refuses to marry the evil man her father wishes her to marry. She and her princess are locked in a tower for the next thousand days. The princess's preferred suitor visits along with the evil one and rats! Thanks to the cat, the rats, and the good suitor, the two young ladies survive to escape. Back in civilization, they find refuge in the city of the good suitor and eventually the princess becomes a cook and the maid becomes a princess!

I thought it was rather weird that the evil guy was likened to a wolf and those characteristics made his whole army turn against him. It was really cool that the good guy started to like the maid just by talking to her and finding things they had in common. The princess was kind of useless until she did something useful at the good guy's castle. She was really the stereotypical princess, crying, whining, selfish. I liked her after she started giving instead of always taking.

The age group for this book is definitely middle school. I would buy this book as a gift along with others like it by Shannon Hale. In fact I did give *The Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale to my friend as a birthday gift. Here are a few I really enjoyed that you might want to read:

Recommended Titles:

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine