The Duchess of Whimsy by Randall de Sève

A Yummy Treat

The great New Yorker artist Peter de Seve teams up with the author of bestselling Toy Boat in a slightly outrageous fairy tale. The Duchess of Whimsy is fancy and fussy—and definitely not ordinary—surrounding herself with wild friends, fabulous foods, and fancy dress. The Earl of Norm (ho hum) is completely ordinary, but he adores the Duchess. She ignores him, until the chef gets sick, and her friends have to make a super supper—which includes tracking down truffles, spinning sugar stars, and looking for quail eggs. But the Earl is hungry! He sneaks off to an ordinary grilled cheese sandwich—and suddenly takes the Duchess’s eye. Maybe there’s something to simplicity after all. Maybe there’s something to the Earl after all . . . This deliciously told and illustrated love story by the remarkable de Sèves shows how utterly charming and extraordinary a picture book can be.

My Personal Review:
this is a cute story about the duchess of whimsy and the earl of norm. as the name indicates, the duchess of whimsy is.. whimsical. she loves having fun, bright colours and is the life of the party. and the earl of norm is 'normal' aka quiet/ introverted. the earl admires the duchess because of her spirit and tries to get her to notice him, but she thinks he's normal and doesn't like him. one day the duchess's chef gets a cold on the day she's having one of her parties and so all of the guests begin trying to help make dinner. all of her friends are like her so they want to make outlandish dishes but the earl just makes grilled cheese. the duchess is interested and takes a bite and loves it, and then she and the earl become friends. she sees how she's like him and he sees how he's like her. it's an opposites attract story. it's sweet even though it's been done before. the art is amazing. its very colourful and fun.

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