Cornelia Funke, author of the bestselling Thief Lord, tells a short, sweet story about a brave little princess with a mind of her own. King Wilfred's three sons learn to become big, bad knights the way any boisterous boys would: They learned riding and jousting, fighting with swords... They learned how to stride proudly and how to shout very loudly. At her father's urging, young Princess Violetta tries to keep up with the same lessons, even though she was so small she could hardly lift a sword at all! Despite her brothers teasing and laughing, Violetta continues to practice--even secretly at night. Soon enough, Violetta becomes so nimble and quick that when practicing with her brothers, their spears and swords just hit the empty air. But then King Wilfred does the unthinkable: For his Violetta's sixteenth birthday, he plans a jousting tournament designed to bring the bravest knights in the land flocking to the castle to win... her hand in marriage! Violetta is outraged: You want me to marry some dimwit in a tin suit? Fortunately, of course, the princess finds a way to come to her own rescue. Funke does well in this picturebook format, but Kerstin Meyers delicate and extremely cute illustrations set the quiet, measured (but still fun) tone of the Princess Knight, as she takes inspiration from a bona fide medieval piece of art--the 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry (Ages 4 to 8) -- Paul Hughes
because shes a girl means she is afraid to break a nail? if so your so so so so WRONG! Thats right capital letters! and if you let your kids hear cinderella and snowwhite your crule if you dont let your kids and you! thats right you! read this book! i mean in absolutely all the princess storys someone dies somewhere in there! and getting married when your 16 is not the bad! its better than drugs and tattoo! it shows courage and strength in a young girl giving little girls confidence and telling little boys that girls can be just as good as them . . . . . Such a grate book! Cornelia Funke will always remain 1 on my favorite authors list.

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