



I Am Princess X

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I Am Princess X is one of many books written by Cherie Priest. Others are *Maplecroft*, *Boneshaker*, *Four and Twenty Blackbirds*, and more. *I Am Princess X* is realistic fiction, so it could possibly happen, although in the middle of the book it suddenly seemed like it was science fiction or fantasy fiction.

This book is about two best friends, Libby and May, who one day drew a princess on the sidewalk and dubbed her Princess X. Then, they

started to make a story behind Princess X at their houses. Later, Libby and her mom die in a car crash, and Princess X disappears, because all of their work was at Libby's house, and her dad trashed it all. One day, May sees a Princess X sticker, faded away, slapped in a corner store window, and realizes that the facts about Libby's death don't add up. Could it be that Libby is still alive?

I liked how the author made you believe one thing, then showed you something that made you think that another thing was true, *then* showed you more evidence so you believed a different thing. This way, Cherie Priest makes the book very suspenseful, and keeps the reader wanting to read on. For example on page 16 when May sees the sticker, "It didn't make any sense. It wasn't possible." When she looks closer, she realizes "Yes, it was *definitely* Princess X." This shows a possibility that Libby might still be alive, making you want to read on

Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders should read this book, especially ones who like books about friendships. I think that the message of this book is that no matter how long two good friends have not seen each other for, their friendship will endure. –