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Frances Hogson Burnett wrote the book “A Little Princess” with the power of imagination and the power of kindness as its main theme. Many people hear the word “princess” and expect an entitled, wealthy girl with a fairy godmother that bestows them with every thing they could ever wish for, but this is not was Burnett had in mind when writing her novel. Sara, the main character who comes from money, chooses not to flaunt her wealth like the rest of her peers when she is sent to boarding school while her father fights in World War One. Instead she flaunts what she values even more, her imagination, and urges the rest of her schoolmates to use their mind to come up with fantastical stories like herself.

Unfortunately, she receives terrible news of her fathers passing and her place at the fancy boarding school is taken away, leaving her as a servant for the other children who were once her peers. The headmistress dismisses Sara’s imagination of being a princess and tells her that girls of her stature cannot be princesses. This boggles Sara’s mind because to her a princess is not limited to those of wealth, because a princess is someone who is kind. Therefore all girls are princesses, no matter their background.

“All girls are.”

Hogson Burnett
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