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Princess Puffybottom has the *purrfect* life among her adoring subjects. All is well...until an intruder arrives in her kingdom. Surely he will be banished soon. Or could he be here to stay?

Princess Puffybottom is not amused.

## Princess Puffybottom . . . and Darryl Details

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## **From Reader Review Princess Puffybottom . . . and Darryl for online ebook**

### **Tin Cheung says**

The cutest story about a cat named Princess Puffybottom, who is not too excited about having to share a home with a new member of the family, the derpy dog named Darryl.

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### **Lana says**

This is a cute story of the relationship between Princess Puffybottom and Darryl. Princess Puffybottom thought her fancy kitty life was just fine until one day her family brought a puppy home. She decides to do everything in her power to get her old life back, and get rid of Darryl.

I can totally relate to this story. It's always chaos for a few days when a new pet is introduced at home. As much as I liked this story, I can only give it a four star because I was hoping for a bit more sassy cat and naughty puppy illustrations. The illustrations were good, but I feel as if they could have portrayed these naughty little pets a bit better to make it more entertaining.

Thank you to Penguin Random House and NetGalley for the chance to review this advanced copy. My opinions are my own.

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### **Storywraps says**

This is a delightful story that kids will love. Princess Puffybottom is a refined, elegant feline who has the humans in her home wrapped around her cute furry paws. She gets meals that are fit for royalty, servants that take care of her "delicate matters" ( her litterbox), and all the love and affection that she so rightly deserves. Hellooooo!!!! Then one day her purr-fect Princess world is turned upside down with the arrival of... Darryl, a dog of all things!

She finds him totally uncouth, disgusting and well.... an animal! He pees everywhere, licks up his own vomit, drinks from the toilet and has no eloquence in him at all. Yuk!

The arrogant Princess concocts schemes to get rid of him but to no avail. It seems that he is there to stay. The humans don't even seem to care about his mannerisms as they are focused on other things.

Princess Puffybottom concedes that Darryl does include her when he tips over the trash and they share the leftovers they find together and he does adore and worship her... that is truly obvious. Perhaps she needs to cut him some slack and at least try to co-exist with this adorable little guy. When she makes the decision to finally get over herself she finds that her world goes back to being purr-fect again. Well... for a little while it is. A wonderful, fun twist is added at the end of the story which just might turn Princess Puffybottom's world on its ear once again. Mmmmmmm... wonder what that might be?

The illustrations are so expressive and full of life. I really love them. They make a perfect marriage to the text and add a lot of richness to the story. The storyline is full of humour and just plain fun. The unexpected ending will be a big hit I'm sure. Who doesn't love a clever twist that is guaranteed to make you smile? I

highly recommend it.

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### **Michelle says**

Thank you to Penguin Random House Canada, Tundra Books and Netgalley for the opportunity to provide an honest review of this adorable children's book.

Princess Puffybottom....and Darryl was overall a nice story that teaches some valuable lessons. I also really liked how the household had two moms and brought a baby into the family. The illustrations were beautiful and I think brought the characters to light in the way the author intended.

I was slightly disappointed that it wasn't a little longer and that there wasn't a little more to the story. It isn't entirely original, but at the same time, my 18 month old (or any other young child that this book is for) didn't/won't care.

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### **Lacy says**

I have seen *NO ONE* mention that Princess Puffybottom has two mommies! Of course it's not a big deal **YES IT IS** or about that, which I guess I am making it now but I'm happy about it and want to express my gratitude, but children need more books that just show families being families.

This book wouldn't show up on my kindle correctly so I downloaded the app Netgalley recommends. That made the graphics visible but the words were so small I could barely read them even when I zoomed in. I still enjoyed the book. It was too short but the graphics are absolutely gorgeous.

I recommend *Princess Puffybottom... and Darryl* to anyone who loves pets, loved the movie *The Secret Life of Pets*, the movie *Bolt*, the movie *Homeward Bound*, or are planning on additional family members joining the family whether they are fur babies or tiny humans. I can't wait to own this book in hardback. ???

Final thoughts: **PLEASE MAKE PRINCESS PUFFYBOTTOM AND DARRYL INTO A FEATURE FILM**

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### **Christine (Padfoot's Library) says**

If Susin Nielsen writes it, I will read it. I had heard about this from Susin when she was in Toronto last year for a book preview, so I was eagerly anticipating the final product. The art work is just beautiful!! Definitely a story that I can see becoming a kids movie one day, it's so adorable! I always love reading picture books, and even though I'm a ways away from being a mother myself, I think this is a great book because 1) it features the adorable princess puffybottom and darryl, 2) it handles the complexities of mixed and blended families in a really sweet way, and 3) the parents are two mom (yay for representation)!! All in all, definitely

one that I think readers of all ages will enjoy. I know I'm gifting a copy to some of my expecting friends! :D  
Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from Penguin Random House Canada in exchange for an honest review/consideration. All opinions are my own. #PRHPartner

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### **La Coccinelle says**

I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this one (cat books can be hit-or-miss for me), but this is actually a pretty funny book. Princess Puffybottom lives with her "subjects" (a lesbian couple, which was a pleasant surprise) and life is good... until the day they bring home a puppy named Darryl. Darryl offends Princess Puffybottom's sensibilities terribly; he's uncouth and disgusting (at least, in the cat's mind). Watching her try to get the puppy banished is pretty funny. She tries all sorts of tricks, but nothing works, and she eventually has to accept that the dog is there for good.

There's another story thread that's sort of running along in the background involving the women, and I didn't pick up on it right away. It's all spelled out by the end of the book, though, and it promises more aggravation for poor Princess Puffybottom. And she thought Darryl was bad!

The illustrations are really quite adorable. (Somehow, the illustrator even managed to make a pile of poop look cute!) And I appreciate the fact that the women are not only a same-sex couple, but also people of colour. It's not actually talked about in the text (it's just accepted as the way things are), but the lovely illustrations bring the characters to life. I kind of like how this was done, especially with the ending; but this makes viewing the pictures rather essential to grasping the plot.

Overall, I enjoyed this more than I thought I might. It's a good story about rivalry and jealousy, but also tolerance and acceptance.

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### **Angie says**

**My Review: I received a complimentary copy of this book via Netgalley, thank you Penguin Random House Canada & Tundra Books. The following is my honest opinion.** Having loved a black cat dearly for the past 15 years, I was instantly attracted to this cover. Munchkin is madly in love with our cat Valerie, so I thought it would be a fun book to share with him. This book was above and beyond anything I could have ever expected. This is kind of how my cat's life went, she was queen bee, ruled the house and had everything she could want, we brought home a big bouncy dog and she was not happy. It was so fun to read the progression in Princess Puffybottom's life and it was fun to revisit memories of our own household. I like how the message of change and new things can be good was subtle but clearly there. Also in the background we get to see a loving and stable relationship between two women, I love how it is there not hiding but also not being forced to the front. This is a very sweet story and it would be a perfect bedtime story for little ones. The soft illustration style and colors are soothing and the story is short enough to read to sleepy kids.

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### **Erin says**

A cute story that isn't super special but the illustrations make it a 4 star read. A same-sex, poc couple with a child? More of that please!

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### **Heather says**

Cute story about happily spoiled cat that has to survive new puppy roommate. The illustrations earned an extra star, as it included persons of color and same sex couple.

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### **Etienne says**

A bit too light headed for my personal taste. Not a bad book, but a arrogant cat and a dog that try to get its attention, might be consider cute or funny, but not by my standard, clearly not a book for me!

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### **Susan Johnston says**

Princess Fuzzypants here: Naturally when I saw a title character named Princess Puffypants, I was intrigued. Those of us with magnificent natural floofs are worthy of attention.

It turns out the book is as charming a children's story as I expected. It tells the story of a beautiful kitty who has her humans well trained until, one day, that they the unforgivable. They adopt a puppy named Darryl.

He is a pest in her carefully arranged world and no matter what she tries, she does not seem to be able to get rid of him. The failure of her efforts makes her sad but no one but Darryl even notices. It is at that moment that the two become friends- naturally with the kitty still in charge.

It is a delightful little story with sweet artwork that will enchant the young reader. Five purrs and two paws up.

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### **Nick says**

This is one of those children's picture books that is almost written more for the parents, because much of the humor is aimed at them. That said, it is still a very cute book that will appeal to anyone familiar with cats, puppies, and the possible interactions between them. The final reveal leads to another story which would also make a good book, and I hope that it comes about, with the new third character.

Susan Nielsen is best known for writing for television and for her chapter books for older kids and teens, so this was a very pleasant surprise. She and artist Olivia Chin Mueller both have cats, whose photos appear in place of the creators in the book, for reasons made clear in the liner notes. That was another cute touch that won't mean much to the kids, but adds another bit of humor for the grownups.

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### **Annese says**

4 stars for the illustrations and everything happening with the family in the background. Meh to the cat and

dog story.

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**Jessie Bond says**

Oh no my heart melted

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