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Dragged on a family trip to Europe's ancient cities, Becca wants nothing more than to go home. Trapped with her emotionally distant father, over-eager stepmother, and a brother who only wants to hook up with European hotties, Becca is miserable. That is until she meets Nikolai, a guy as mysterious as he is handsome. And she unknowingly finds herself with a runaway prince.

Nikolai has everything a guy could ask for-he's crown prince, heir to the throne, and girls adore him. But the one thing he doesn't have...is freedom. Staging a coup, he flees his kingdom and goes undercover on his own European tour.

When Nikolai and Becca meet, it's their differences that draw them together. Sparks fly as they share a whirlwind of adventures, all the while dodging his royal guard. But Becca's family vacation ends in a matter of days. Will Nikolai and Becca be forced to say goodbye forever, will his destiny catch up to him, or will they change history forever?

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From Reader Review Royally Lost for online ebook

Jenna says

Nothing better than a prince and me kind of story and backpacking/travel chicklit book to uplift my terrible week. I super enjoyed reading Becca and Nikolai's adventure of trying to find themselves but eventually fate led them to each other as well. This is the kind of story that won't break your hearts into a million pieces, nor murder your brain with A complicated story. Instead, this is the kind of story you want to read after a bad day at work or school. There's nothing epic

About it, and i didn't find the writing special, but the story was really catchy and it strung me along pretty quickly. I'm not a fan of the instalove thing though, but I won't deny the attraction between our main characters. I can match One Direction's "Live like we're young" here. It's fun listening to that song while reading the book. It kind matches on some parts:)

Giselle says

3.5 stars

Well so freaking adorable! While perusing reviews it seems like more than a few of my friends disliked this one, and I admit that it's not perfect by any means so I get it, but it's exactly the kind of fluffy fairy-tale-esque read I was in the mood for on a rainy weekend. It's the type of romantic adventure that is both idealistic and exotic; perfect for fans of Jennifer E. Smith.

What I didn't like:

-Insta-love ruined some of its charm for me. It was unnecessary and did more harm than good on how I felt about the book. There was not even a built-up to it, suddenly they were just declaring their love. Well okay then!

-These kids are both 18 years old - legal adults - yet both are still being ordered by their parents as if they were 14. No kidding, the prince got hunted down by his parents' security team, taken back home by force and *grounded*. Do adults with parents have no freedom rights in this fictional country? Although, Becca who's American was also dealing with needing permission from her father (her AND her older brother of at least 19 years) and eventually got grounded as well, so this made no sense to me.

-Nikolai sounded very American to me. I didn't feel he was written very European-like, in terms of dialogue especially.

-Becca's hate towards this trip was a bit much at times. It could have been toned down while still communicating the fact that this ruse of being this perfect family was a drag. I didn't see it as her hating Europe like some, though, just that she hated being stuck under her father and stepmother's heels. But still.

What I did like:

-The atmosphere is fun, light, and I found details on European history quite compelling - which is saying something coming from a not-a-history-buff-at-all person like myself. With that said I can't say how accurate all the details are, but it really brought the setting to life.

-Aside from the insta-love aspect, the romance is adorable and yes, cliché at times, but fluffy in a way that made me smile. Like reading a too-good-to-be-true-but-fun-nonetheless fairy-tale. Also, I'm the type who

finds themselves fascinated by celebrity lifestyles and what it means to be in the public eye every second of your life, and him being a Prince trying to hide-out gave it that extra zing.

-The growth in Becca's character. Being in a foreign country and having been through a very... interesting vacation, she seemed to really find herself. She ends up figuring out what she really wants in life. She also doesn't let heartbreak turn her into a mess, but rather uses it to drive her forward and I found that wonderful.

-The HEA ending, because sometimes we just need them.

So this may not be a perfect novel where everything is to be praised, and the characters are depicted more for the purpose of the book than anything, but it's one of those fun beach reads that pauses life for a few hours in a fool's paradise.

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Hailey (HaileyinBookland) says

Definitely not for me. Snobby privileged MC, extremely predictable (which I'll admit I expected), literally 0 substance to it... ugh I had such high hopes! This sounded like it could have been adorably fluffy but within 60 pages there's a kiss. That's when I knew this would be hard to get through. But I trudged along. Oh well! I think as a movie I would have liked it, but this was just too much cheese for me to read. But if you like corny romances that are just pure fluff, you might enjoy this! (Nothing wrong with enjoying them, they're just not my thing)

Tiff at Mostly YA Lit says

I'm going to be frank here: Royally Lost was probably my biggest reading disappointment of the year. I had high hopes for a fun, royal jaunt through Europe - as some of you know, royalty and travel are two of my favourite themes. This book left me cold - so cold, I stopped at 25% and could not finish it.

In the interest of minimizing your time reading about sucky stuff, I'm going to keep this short by listing the good and bad.

The Good:

Lots of Historical Research: It was clear that the author had done a lot of research on European history and she was trying to convey it in a clear and fun way. I liked learning more about the Habsburgs and various museums and churches around Europe. Definitely a big part of why I like travel!

The Bad:

The Whiney Non-Characters: I was incredibly annoyed by the characters in this book. The prince, Nikolai, is basically every prince we've ever met - he just wants to escape the bounds of his leisurely life.

"As his ancestors stared down from their high-framed perches, they seemed to be asking him the big, important question. Would he follow in their footsteps and hold up his part of the family dynasty? Or would he let them down and become a brief footnote in Mondovian history?"

His other charming personality traits include: thinking Americans are ignorant ("...you obviously need some serious education in European history. You Americans are too ignorant about the rest of the world," he teased), being hot (according to Becca), and liking Becca.

Becca's personality traits are whininess at being dragged on a trip to Europe with her family, annoyance at anything old or historic ("...I know history is important, but jeesh! Live for today, people! I can't believe I have another week of this stuff."), and attraction to Nikolai. When Nikolai calls her a bright light in his trip, I just couldn't believe it. What's so bright about a girl who doesn't appreciate anything and just whines all of the time?

The point of the book was probably for Becca to learn a lot about Europe and to appreciate history and her family, and maybe we would have seen that self-discovery later on. But by making the characters so boring and unlikeable to begin with, the author lost me from the beginning.

The Insta-Love: Speaking of not caring, it might be believable that two teenagers who are feeling lost and alone in Europe together would immediately hook up - but I didn't get the feeling that the author wanted Becca and Nikolai to be just a couple of stolen kisses because of the whole "bright light" thing. Clearly, Becca and Nikolai formed a connection that went deeper than the physical...but again, I just didn't believe it. They had a couple of hours together, and they weren't even hours that were described in massive detail - they go to a museum and McDonalds, all within a few pages, and then, suddenly, Nikolai sees her as the savior of his trip. It just didn't work for me.

The Simplistic, Cliche-Ridden Writing: The writing was the main reason I could not finish this novel. Good writing - or at least passable writing - has a variety of different sentence structures, interesting descriptors, and lots of showing-not-telling. Royally Lost was so simple in its sentence structure, and it made the reading clunky and slow. For example, Nikolai thinks, "Why couldn't she be staying in Vienna for the week? They could have so much fun. She had helped him feel alive again."

Each one of these sentences is plunked down as truth, and it just feels very much like telling and not showing. Even though I had just read about Becca's and Nikolai's day together, I was suspicious of their connection because the writing just didn't flow right.

Another big part of that lack of flow was because every single descriptor in the book was the most basic, obvious descriptor ever. After their day together, Becca thinks,

"Today had turned out to be the best day ever. Nikolai had been the nicest, funniest guy she'd ever met.

Suddenly all the pain she felt over Ethan dumping her for Kelly evaporated as if he'd never even mattered."

"Best day ever" doesn't really give me an idea of why it was such a good day. "Nicest, funniest guy she'd ever met" - what does this mean? What makes him nice or funny? And are there better words for that? And "evaporated as if he'd never even mattered" isn't really a simile or a metaphor.

If I sound mad, it's because I am. This premise had so much promise (yikes, alliteration city!), but because of the poor writing and boring characters, I honestly didn't even understand how this book had been published. Talk about a disappointment.

The Final Word:

For me, Royally Lost had a great premise, but failed to live up to my expectations of it. Because of the unvaried writing and uninteresting characters, I couldn't finish it. If you're not super into writing and just really like fluffy romances, I think this one could be for you - I certainly hope there are others out there who love it because I think it had a lot of promise. It just wasn't for me.

Review originally posted at Mostly YA Lit

Linda says

Another fun and romantic novel by one of my favorite YA authors, Angie Stanton! "Royally Lost" is a cute and entertaining romp across Europe through the eyes of college-bound Becca. But what she doesn't see, is that the backpacking boy she's fallen for, the mysterious guy who is touring Europe as well, is none other than a true-life prince. While Becca searches for a future not determined by her father, Prince Nikolai searches to escape his past, and thus his own predetermined monarchy. Set amongst the attractions of modern-day Europe, "Royally Lost" is a delight for any reader. Add this to your Angie Stanton YA collection today!

Lauren says

I've found my first DNF of the year. I'm at 16% and just cannot go on any more.

First, whenever a book features fake royals from a nonexistent country, I know there's going to be a layer of absurdity and silliness. Still, I was hoping for a story that was fun and endearing, but unfortunately, I just couldn't stand the characters, and I don't think we're ever going to be friends.

Becca is visiting Europe on a boat cruise with her father, step-mom and brother Dylan. Just the idea of experiencing anywhere in a large tour group gives me the hives, so I definitely understand why she's not happy to be there. BUT she's spent all of the book so far going on and on about her dislike of history and culture, which she thinks is a huge waste of time. History is my favorite, and I cannot connect to that in any way at all. I wanted to cry, because she's in some amazing places, and doesn't get it at all. I cannot fathom what Nikolai, this European-prince-in-disguise, sees in her.

Besides complaining about history, Becca has spent the rest of her time either exclaiming about Nikolai's hotness, or trying to find a McDonalds. When she laments about how old and outdated Vienna is, Nikolai

tells her that Vienna does have a modern culture, and takes her to McDonalds to prove it. He then proclaims it to be the "modern day, universal symbol of goodwill." With french fry in hand, Becca finally gives him her first genuine smile. If you finally have the chance to travel and instead of looking at what's all around, you go hunting for a McDonald's, well there's not much I can say to you. At this point I was done.

I'm very disappointed that I genuinely cannot connect to Becca. I am no longer a teenager, but I know that my perspective will always be different from hers. Perhaps she'll change throughout the course of the book, but I'm not sure it's worth the effort to get there. If she marries Nikolai and becomes a person of influence, heaven help us!

Nasty Lady MJ says

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Conspiracy Theory: Meg Cabot brought Princess Mia out of retirement because of this book.

Because something had to fix the damage that Angie Stanton caused the princess genre in the YA-verse.

If you like books about princesses, don't read this one. If you like books about Europe and traveling in Europe. Run away. Now. And try to calm yourself down by binge watching episodes of Rick Steves on PBS.

I know that's what I intend to do after this shit fest.

Here are the life lessons this book has taught me. I can't believe that in twenty-six years I missed all of these:

- 1) Everything older than ten years old is lame. Because living in the past is well dumb, according to our wise, young, and hip heroine.
- 2) McDonalds is the best thing ever. Those pink slime burgers are way better than kolaches and sauerkraut.
- 3) He's cute! You must be in looove.
- 4) Three days works for Disney couples and you too.
- 5) Parents are lame. Take their money. Lie to them. Don't be responsible. They're just lame and they should totally let you travel around with complete strangers on an unfamiliar continent. Because family bonding time-don't need it.

Of course there are more little life lessons, but I'm not going to spoil them all for you. That would keep you from having the joyous experience that I had.

Also, it might keep you from going insane.

To be honest, I really was looking forward to this one. I thought that it would be a light cute read. But the first paragraph I'm introduced to Becca and she's bemoaning about how lame Europe is with its stuffy history.

And at this point I wanted to smack her.

Let me tell you guys a story. When I was in high school my history class was sponsoring a three week trip to Europe. I begged my parents to let me go, but I didn't get to because of financial reasons. The point is, I was devastated. So, I worked my butt off in college and in law school, so that when another opportunity presented itself I could study abroad. Which I did. I didn't have enough money to gallivant around main Europe, but the country of Ireland was enough. I spent my time just marvel at how old and beautiful everything was. And I didn't spend my time in a McDonalds-though I did go to the campus Starbucks mainly because it was the only place that had iced coffee and I only drink my coffee iced. Long story short, I wasn't empathetic towards Becca and her hatred towards Europe at all.

Honestly, Becca felt a bit like a caricature or like one of the kids on National Lampoon's European Vacation. She gives Americans a bad name. She's ignorant, rude, and downright shallow. I don't know how she managed to finagle her way into Northwestern-I'm betting daddy bought her in. Because she's not smart enough to know to keep her passport in a money belt. Or for that matter, she thinks its a good idea to run around Europe with a stranger who has shown stalker tendencies. And she just laughs about getting her picture blasted on the front page of the tabloids in her skivvies.

Seriously, she's like one of those stupid girls on I Want to Marry Harry (I really don't know how they don't know that's not the real prince).

missEvi [can't commit to a book] says

Did I miss something? Is being **stupid** and **uneducated** the new trend amongst the late teens?

If I was an American, I would be seriously offended by the heroine in this book.

Ok, let's start at the beginning...

Stupid teenage girl going with parents to Europe

Stupid teenage girl hates the historical sites and feels bad for europeans that have to learn sooooo much history

Stupid teenage girl gets lost even going to the bathroom (I think she should check her ears..maybe she has a serious condition)

Stupid teenage girl meets stranger teenage boy...meet again...talk...wait for it... fells in love... Oh I forgot the punchline: he is a prince gone rogue

Stupid teenage girl with ear problem decides to miss her plane on purpose and stay with said prince in Europe, that suddenly finds interesting...

bla bla bla... kissing... bla bla bla... problems with the royal guard... bla bla bla... assault from royal guard...

But the worst of all is not the plot or the love-at-first-sight..no.. the worst is the forced conversations. During the whole book (ok, not whole exactly, it was around 75%) I was picturing in my head two teenagers, with bad acting skills, rehearsing for a school play. It's the best way to describe how bad the conversations were.

Verdict: NO! Absolutely no, even if you have/had a huge thing for royals. If you seriously want to read about

stupid very interesting royal lives, try Suddenly Royal.

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Paula Phillips says

Are you fans of movies like The Prince and Me featuring Julia Stiles , The First Daughter starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas or what about Saving Liberty featuring Mandy Moore ? Can you see the pattern emerging here ? One of my favourite type of movies is the whole Cinderella/royalty theme where A) the royal escapes from his/her life and tries to become normal only to along the way fall head over heels for an ordinary but wonderful girl/guy and B) The royal decides to go undercover and act normal and falls in love but disaster hits when his/her identity is revealed. That's what I loved about Royally Lost by Angie Stanton as we meet Nikolai who is the heir to the throne of Moldovia . He is wanting to escape his life , just for a moment or two - to gain freedom, something he has never experienced before. While on his trip in Budapest , he spots an American beauty called Becca who is on a family forced holiday with her dad, stepmother and brother. Over the trip , these two always seem to end up in the same place at the same time - coincidence , I think not. Sparks fly and of course we all know what happens , a whirlwind romance blooms but it is cut short when the Moldovian security locates Nikolai and takes him back home and Becca heads back to the US. Five months pass and all will be revealed Was this just a whirlwind holiday fling or is true love at play ? Will this holiday actually bring both families closer together with each other ? Find out in this awesome new book by Angie Stanton - Reader's get prepared to be "Royally Lost".

Grace (LovingDemBooks) Z. says

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I received an finished copy of this book from the publisher (HarperTeen) for free in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

2 of 5 stars (Please read my rating system further below). A book about a girl who travels around the world, meets a prince, and they fall in love. What could go wrong? *Royally Lost* had everything going for itself, it has a great cover, a great idea, and an amazing-sounding plot line. My biggest problem with this book was the dialogue. To me, it felt so robotic and inhuman, like the characters had no emotion, like they weren't even alive. Because of the dialogue, I had such a hard time investing myself in any of the characters, making *Royally Lost* a fairly big disappointment. The main characters Becca and Nikolai had the most awkward and choreographed encounters. They were unbelievable, and the fact that they're love story progressed from "accidentally" seeing each other around Europe just made me want to snicker to myself because it was so unreal. This book could've still been decent with the encounters that Becca and Nikolai had throughout the book, but the immaturity of Becca and Nikolai and their inhuman dialogue would've had to been stripped of this book. Because of these imperfections, the love story in *Royally Lost* didn't develop much, and neither did the characters. Overall, there were many problems that I had with this book, including character dialogue, development, and maturity. I was very sad to not have loved this book, it was a book that

I was looking forward to reading all of 2014.

My rating system: (I **do** use half stars.)

5 - I do not use the 5 star. Not because a book might not be worthy, but because a book is never perfect.

4 - I loved it! There weren't too many flaws, and I had no trouble getting through it. (A 4 star rating is the highest rating I've ever given a book.)

3 - I enjoyed the book, but there were flaws that made me enjoy it less.

2 - I finished the book, but there were too many flaws for me to enjoy it.

1 - I could not finish the book, and I probably did not finish it....

Khanh, first of her name, mother of bunnies says

He turned to her, leaned down, and kissed her, his kisses sending her over the moon. They lay entwined on the lounge chair making out. Becca lost herself in the perfect world where a handsome prince sweeps an average American girl off her feet.

DNF at 58%, right after the main character says "I love you" to a guy she's known all of a week because I can't take the amount of incomprehensible stupidity in this book.

This book makes *The Princess Diaries* read like *Game of Thrones*. I hated its silliness and its carefree portrayal of boo fucking hoo poor-little-rich-kids privilege with the strength of a thousand burning pounds of unicorn feces. I would read *Anna and the French Kiss* ten times over before finishing this book, and you might recall I didn't exactly love Anna. **The heroine in this book rivals Anna in stupidity, in insipidity, awash with #firstworldproblems and #whitegirlproblems, with none of the cuteness.**

It is a sad day indeed when I am forced to admit that Anna is cute, in comparison to anything. If Anna is like a fluffly, snuffly little Shih-Tzu puppy, Becca is a little rat-sized chihuahua that never ceases to yap that I want to mentally soccer-punt into oblivion.

The Summary:

"Ten days of this. Shoot me now. Everything here is a gabillion years old. The palace of this, the castle of that. Seriously?"

Becca is having the worst fucking summer ever. EVER. Her wealthy technology CEO dad is dragging the entire family to Europe. EUROPE! Fuck that shit. They have to spend like, a month, traveling down central Europe on a luxury riverboat cruise.

They have to visit old fucking cities like Vienna, Austria and touring old fucking historical sites like Hofburg Palace and Schönbrunn Palace and Melk Abbey.

They have to eat "exotic" European local foods, when all Becca wants is a Diet Pepsi and some McDonalds.

All she wanted was something familiar, like an icy cold, American Diet Pepsi, french fries, and music that wasn't three hundred years old. She checked out the streets jutting off the square and chose the street where she saw the McDonald's.

Old palaces. Walking tours. Learning about history.

She leaned back in her seat, quickly bored again, and wishing she were home. Other than the couple of moments of eye candy, Becca hated Europe.

Spending time with her family. Why does life suck so bad? I mean, fuck, her stepmother actually WANTS them to be like a family and bond. What kind of stepmom does that anyway?!

10 days on a riverboat cruise in Europe with her family. Surely, life can't get any worse :

But really, Becca doesn't have it bad at all, compared to Prince Nikolai, Crown Prince of Mondovia.

The demands of the monarchy—and his parents—threatened to suffocate the life right out of him. As each day passed, he lost more of himself.

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Nikolai's life is horrible. He's a young, 18-year old Crown Prince of a small European royalty. He doesn't actually HAVE to do anything, since the Crown is a figurehead only. It's like working at McDonalds! It's child labor! It's HORRIBLE! **Nikolai has to spend day after day attending royal events and being photographed and attending state dinners and riding horses.** It's HORRIBLE!

"I guess the thing that makes it so difficult is my lack of choices. There is very little I get to decide for myself. My parents have picked my schools, my activities, who I associate with. They and their advisors decide who I sit next to at formal events, who I speak to at a grand opening, who I take photos with at fund-raisers, what charities I must support, even what horse I'll ride."

Not to mention the fact that his family is wealthy because they take all the taxpayer's money, so that Nikolai will be wealthy for the rest of his life without ever having to work.

I mean, who'd want that sort of life, anyway?

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It's not like Nikolai can abdicate or anything. I mean...what kind of a king would abdicate...

Oh.

Well, um. Nikolai wants to be an environmentalist.

He was far more interested in saving the planet from pollution than plotting invasions in war-torn countries.

So it's not like he can have make a cause out of saving the environment and going green or anything, **I mean, what kind of Crown Prince becomes an environmentalist?!**

Oh.

Well, um. Nikolai's being forced to join the army. **WHAT KIND OF CROWN PRINCE JOINS THE MILITARY ANYWAY?!**

Oh.

Other royal families, like in England, they don't have to go into the military, do they?"

"The direct heirs to the throne have all served." He frowned.

"So what are you going to do?"

"Run away."

slow clap Way to go, Nikolai. Yes. Go after your dreams.

Since Nikolai is so sick of his pampered, sheltered, wealthy, leisurely life, he's going to run away and be incognito and ignore aaaaaaaaall the responsibilitiezzzz! He's going to do it on a motorbike that's been given to him by Middle Eastern royalty.

And he will meet Becca. Refreshing Becca. Becca without a brain cell in her head.

"I barely passed high school Spanish."

This is the story of how an idiot prince falls in love with an "refreshingly idiotic" commoner.

Something about this beautiful American girl kept him from thinking about anything else. It didn't make sense. Becca was ignorant of the historic cities she toured. Her sense of direction was so bad she could probably lose her own shadow, and her quirky sense of humor made him constantly want to kiss her.

Becca:

"The kids in Europe must hate history class. These countries go back so freakin' far. At least the U.S. is barely two hundred years old."

Becca would give Anna-oui-is-spelled-wee a run for her money in the brains department. She is a newly graduated senior, who will be going to Northwestern in the fall. I can only surmise that her admittance is thanks to her dad's money and legacy. **Because Becca is a motherfucking moron.**

I don't even know what the fuck is wrong with her school. I don't know about anyone else, but my high school required three years of a foreign language, and yet Becca is barely competent in English, let another another language. What the FUCK kind of school did she attend? **I attended high school in America! We had to learn European history!** Becca doesn't seem to know any fucking thing! **American history goes back 200 years?!** NO! What about the days of the colonists, the pilgrims? The pre-Columbus days?! Don't tell me she didn't learn that! Don't tell me her high school curriculum didn't even cover Europe!

I don't know how the fuck Northwestern admitted her, when Becca "barely passed Spanish" and barely pulled off a B in history.

"But you're not even from here! I don't know how you can remember the history of other countries. I can't tell you a thing about Canada other than they play a lot of hockey there."

History is my worst subject. I barely pulled off a B last semester.”

She is the epitome of the Ugly, Stupid American abroad, and is **the kind of American tourist that makes Europeans hate American tourists**. She refuses to adapt. She constantly seeks out McDonalds instead of local cuisine (and come on, it's fucking Europe. It's not like the food there is anything like the comparative strangeness of, say, African or Asian foods).

Nikolai: The Smooth Stalker:

“Think about it. I’m an American girl in a foreign country, who took off with a guy I’ve known for barely two minutes. For all I know, you’ve kidnapped me and are going to sell me into slavery.”

It really sucks that Nikolai is a crown prince, but it's ok. He's got an alternative career...Ok, he can't really DO anything at all.

“For starters, I don’t have too many skills other than shaking hands, playing polo, and fencing.”

But he's wrong! **Nikolai has a career...in stalking girls!**

Becca goes to one city? He happens to be there as well. They move onto another city? BOOM! He's there. What a coincidence! I don't know, but to me, that's rather creepy. And then he sneaks onto her riverboat cruise in the middle of the night and scares the shit out of Becca.

*Becca set down the remote and rubbed her face. When she looked up, she saw a tall, imposing figure lurking on the other side of her balcony railing.
Becca screamed and scrambled back into the corner of her bed.
“Becca, it’s me, Nikolai,” he called out, hoping he didn’t fall into the Danube as he clung to the outside of the moving boat.*

OH, HE'S HANGING ONTO THE OUTSIDE OF A MOVING RIVERBOAT IN THE DARK BECAUSE HE FOLLOWED HER. THAT'S NOT CREEPY AT ALL.

It's absolutely acceptable to be a creeper if you're good looking. Then it's **romantic**. Men: don't try this if you're ugly.

He's a smooth talker. There's nothing like dropping your royal title to get a girl to drop her panties.

*“If you do become king, you could never hang out with me.”
“Nope. Not unless you were my queen.” He smirked.*

But still, it's just **SO REFRESHING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO LOVES HIM FOR HIM**. Someone so NORMAL. Like *sigh* Becca.

Being the Prince of Mondovia allowed him access to a lot of pretty girls, most of whom wanted to kiss a prince. But none drove him crazy like Becca.

ME HATE THIS BOOK. ME SMASH. ME LOST 50 IQ POINTS. ME VOCABULARY DEAD.
AAAAAAAAAAAAARG.

Debby says

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I've put off writing this review for almost *a month*. I just didn't want to put my rage pants on, but now, with the release approaching, I must do it. I must finally open up and be honest about all the different ways that this book *infuriated* me. So get a drink and a snack, strap yourself in, because we'll be here a while.

Let me start this off with a quiz:

1. Are you a fan of Europe? Traveling? Exploring different cultures?
2. Are you opposed to instalove?
3. Does stalker behavior creep you out at all?
4. Do you feel like parents should be given the tiniest bit of respect?

Congratulations! If you answered YES to any of the above, this book will piss you off.

Becca is a terrible main character who hates Europe.

I'm not even kidding about the amount of Europe hatred that goes on here. All Becca does is bitch and moan and bitch and moan. Her dad and stepmom have DRAGGED her across the ocean for a trip across Europe, I mean how dare they. It's all HISTORICAL stuff and ew, yuck, why won't they move on and live in the present? Think I'm kidding?

Apparently it was a loop around the center of Vienna, but all Becca knew was that the tour guide droned on endlessly about long dead musicians, old buildings, and more history than anyone should ever have to hear. From what Becca could gather, some family named Habsburg seemed to be tied to everything. It's not like she'd ever need to know any of this stuff. She needed fresh air, trees, and grass. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

"The kids in Europe must hate history class. These countries go back so freakin' far. At least the U.S. is barely two hundred years old." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

As she stood alone among the bustling crowd, all she wanted was something familiar, like an icy cold American Diet Pepsi, french fries, and music that wasn't three hundred years old. She checked out the streets jutting off the square and chose the street where she saw the McDonald's. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

And that was all... in Chapter... 3.

As a European, as a fan of culture and travel, Becca's attitude just majorly pisses me off. She's surrounded by so much beauty and culture and doesn't respect it even for a second. Her attitude continues for the rest of the book, complaining about everything and generally being a stick in the mud.

"Look at all those dishes," Becca said as they entered a room with floor-to-ceiling shelves filled with dishes, pulling his attention back to the present. "No one needs that many plates, and why did they save them? Because honestly, who cares about three-hundred-year-old plates?"

"Becca, you have a gift for stating the obvious. Let's get out of here." He led her past the remaining rooms and directly to the exit.

She sighed. "Thank you. I know history is important, but jeesh. Live for today, people! I can't believe I have another week of this stuff." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

Yes, Becca, putting dishes and porcelain work on display in a museum is totally a sign that we in Europe are stuck in the past. Us miserable hicks. I can't believe I have 180 more pages of this stuff.

But once she meets Nikolai, everything changes. That's not to say that she suddenly likes Europe - no. But the TRIP was worthwhile because she met the freaking love of her life. Clearly, the only good thing Europe has to offer the world is its men.

Other than the couple of moments of eye candy, Becca hated Europe. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

Becca couldn't believe her luck. Maybe she was supposed to come to Europe to find a decent guy. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

She had started out this trip hating Europe. But then she met the most amazing guy on the planet. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

This romance is absolute sickening instalove.

Nikolai first by coincidence runs into Becca twice. Being the kindhearted prince that he is, he offers to show her around. But actually he's just a creepy stalker.

"No. I'm not following you." Nikolai laughed. But he might like to. She seemed nice and was certainly beautiful. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

That was after their second encounter. Excuse me while I barf and also RUN LIKE HELL IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. That shit is *not* romantic. But fine, he feels a "connection" to her, so he tries to keep up with their tour group so they can hang out together. Within *days* such wonderful bombs as the following get dropped:

"You're different from any other girl I've met." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

"I love the idea of chasing you around Europe, but at some point I need to figure out how to get my life under control, before I create an international incident."

Didn't he want to keep seeing her? She thought he liked her as much as she liked him. Maybe she was wrong. - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

Be careful, Becca. Your co-dependence is showing. Oh, but let's not forget my favorite:

He played with a lock of her hair. "If there's one thing I can say about you, it's that you're an eternal optimist."

She shrugged. "I can't help it. It's the only way I know how to get through the bad stuff." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

This is said *completely without sarcasm*, after Becca tells him he shouldn't be so hard on himself. Um. Nikolai, please reflect on previous shown passages of Becca's MEGA BITCHY ATTITUDE. WHAT ABOUT THAT SAYS ETERNAL OPTIMIST? I CAN'T FIND A SINGLE OPTIMISTIC THOUGHT - except, I guess, about you. Okay, I guess I can maybe see how this confusion arose. Maybe.

But on the fourth or fifth day of knowing each other, the good stuff starts coming in.

"I can't imagine tomorrow without you. I never knew I could fall for someone so fast." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

"I thought I was running away, but it turns out I was running to you. Becca, you've made my life worth living again and now I have to leave you. This is killing me. I've never felt this way about anyone before. Ever." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

Change the might to definitely will because I'm so over this. This is the sappiest load of instalove I have ever had to witness in my miserable life and every drop of it makes me sick. This is not how relationships work. And they don't even have an electrifying chemistry to fall back on either. All they do is kiss and hold hands a couple times. Even when they're traveling alone in hostels and stuff, no serious making out, no sex. "You've made my life worth living again" because of what? My bitchy attitude? How I've torn your continent to shreds with my words? With my timid little kiss? FUCK OFF.

Becca is the most ungrateful bitch ever to her parents.

"Right about now they are probably downing their second glass of chardonnay with lunch. After that they're going to some summer home or fourth residence of the eighteenth King of 'I Couldn't Care Less,' and then a classical concert designed to put even the most caffeinated history fanatics to sleep."

Nikolai laughed. "And they left you to fend for yourself?"

"No. My brother is around here somewhere. He maneuvered my dad into letting us skip out of their afternoon of torture. I was on my way to the Hofburg Palace to get tickets, just in case my dad checks, which is unlikely. Unless my brother, Dylan, lands another speeding ticket or I fail to make the honor roll, Dad wouldn't know we're on the same continent." - *ARC of Royally Lost* by Angie Stanton

The above is one example of how Becca and her brother, Dylan, take complete advantage of their parents. And it's a conversation that strangely gets repeated almost to the DOT three pages later - a mistake I hope DEARLY gets fixed in the last round of edits. But basically, all throughout this book, Becca and Dylan skip out on their parents.

She couldn't wait to escape the daily annoyance of spending time with her dad and Vicky. They were not a family unit and never would be. - *ARC of Royally Lost* by Angie Stanton

Well not with that attitude. This is what bothers me. She complains the entire book about how her stepmother drags her on this trip because *she's trying to get the family to spend more time together*. Then she and her brother keep bailing on the plans and sneaking off to do their own thing and she pities herself because *they're not a real family*. Are you kidding me???

I get that having a distant family is tough. Her dad is occupied with work all the time. BUT THAT'S WHY YOU MAKE TRIPS LIKE THESE COUNT. IS IT YOUR DAD THAT'S SNEAKING OFF AND DITCHING YOU? NO. IT'S YOU, BITCH. HE'S TRYING, HE KEEPS ASKING, AND YOU KEEP TURNING HIM DOWN.

The absolute worst part is towards the end of their boat trip. Their parents had arranged that they would spend a few days in Munich together, but Dylan found some college students to party with and Becca wants to stay with Nikolai. Their stepmother has been cheerfully preaching about how awesome it is to go backpacking through Europe after high school - so they decide to ask them if they can go "backpacking

together" while they really just sneak off to do their own stuff. Unsurprisingly, the parents, who have been shafted this entire trip and still want to get some family time in, say no. And the TANTRUM Becca throws then. I mean HOW DARE they say no to this completely reasonable offer???

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. Then her dad gets called back on business, but they can't all fit on the same plane. So the dad and stepmother fly back one day and Becca and Dylan are booked for the next day, but those ungrateful bitches switch the tickets for three days later so they can go along with their original plan. SO MUCH RAGE. SUCH ANGER. MUCH GRRR. I don't have the best relationship with my parents, BUT YOU DON'T FUCKING PULL SHIT LIKE THIS. (Though also: stupid move of the parents. So much stupid in one book. I cannot even.)

The ending is a catastrophically happy one.

After mishaps on Becca's journey alone with Nikolai, they get separated when he is kidnapped back to his country. I'm not even getting into how stupid it was for him to run away, and what a double standard he holds when his little sister copies his behavior, and how effortlessly he comes back at the end with policy ideas that no one in the government had apparently thought of before, despite them being really simple, because WHO HAS THAT KIND OF TIME and OH MY GOD THIS REVIEW IS ALREADY TOO LONG.

But basically they get separated and I cheered. Then they try to find each other and I groaned. Then Becca is the most idiotic MC I've ever encountered, with the following gem:

"Have you tried to contact him?" Vicky stared at the photo of Nikolai.

"I have, but all the info on the Mondovia Royal Family website doesn't include an email or phone number. It's like they live in the Dark Ages or something. All I could find was an address. I sent a letter the day after I got back." - *ARC of Royally Lost by Angie Stanton*

Seriously bitch? Seriously? You can't believe that the royal family isn't posting their email or PHONE NUMBER online? "Hello, Operator? I'd like to speak to the Prince of Mondovia?" GET A FUCKING CLUE. THE WORLD DOESN'T WORK LIKE THIS. But ugh ugh ugh, after EVENTS and THINGS and more of Nikolai's STALKER BEHAVIOR, they find each other and HAPPILY EVER AFTER, EVERYTHING IS GOOD AGAIN.

Summing Up:

No. Bad. Run.

GIF it to me straight!

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book or the contents of the review. CLEARLY.

Jasprit says

DNF at 29%

Royally Lost gave the vibe of being a fun book filled with adventure and a sweet romance. Instead what I got was insta love and a bunch of control freak parents. Becca was forced on trip around Europe with her dad, step mum and brother, on what was meant to be a chance for the family to get to know one another and spend quality time. Becca can't stand her step mum and her dad never seems to have time for her, so they begin this trip on the wrong step already. Then we have Becca's brother who can be useful at times, at pulling Becca out of quality family time, but then he never seems to be spending time with the family in the first place. I did feel for Becca, her boyfriend had dumped her on graduation and everyone knew about it and then she has to spend time with family who clearly didn't act like one. But if I had the chance to visit Europe and all these gorgeous places, I would definitely be making the most of it, despite who I was forced to hang around with. But Becca didn't really see it that way, but as a sort of punishment, that is until she meets her dream guy in Nikolai.

Through fate Nikolai and Becca end up at the same places in the Europe at the same time, both have one thing in common to get away from their families and experience some freedom. With Nikolai it's perfectly understandable, he's a prince and has a lot of pressure and expectations put on him, so running away and being someone else for the day could be a refreshing thing for him. Of course as soon as he sees Becca, she's the most beautiful person he's ever seen. The same goes for Becca without saying. This insta love really wasn't for me, I know Becca had a bad break up, but Becca was quick to fall for this guy she knew nothing about, at one point when they'd arranged to meet in the next city, she ended up waiting 3 hours for him, before realising that he wouldn't be turning up! Who waits three hours for someone? And then after that all she could do was pine over him and what could have been.

I really am gutted that I ended up dropping this book really early on, but as the book progressed I was easily able to see that Nikolai and Becca would be characters that wouldn't be for me.

Brandy Painter says

Oh. My.

I so wanted to like this. I was in the mood for a fluffy YA read. I NEEDED a fluffy and light read. But this is just so awful. Why?

1. Made up country names like Borganistan and Mondovia.
2. Lines like:

"He was far more interested in saving the planet from pollution than plotting invasions in war torn countries. How could his parents not see that?"

From the heroine on touring Europe: "Ten days of this. Shoot me now. Everything here is a gabillion years old."

(We are supposed to believe this girl is on her way to Northwestern by the way.)

"The kids in Europe must hate history class. These countries go back so freakin' far. At least the US is barely two hundred years old."

(Yes let's forget that there was any history that took place on this continent prior to the establishment of the US government.)

"But you're not even from here! I don't know how you can remember the history of other countries. I can't tell you a thing about Canada other than they play a lot of hockey there."

(Basically she personifies everything that every one from other countries thinks is wrong with the American mentality, but it is supposed to be charming here? Because the hero likes her? Why? I couldn't figure that out.)

3. The heroine is completely unlikeable. COMPLETELY. I'm not one to say that characters have to be likeable or even relatable, but this is just wow. As evidence, I give you the above three lines.

4. There is an awful lot of: YAY US! What on earth is up with those silly behind the times Europeans? (Again, see quotes.)

5. The dialogue is actually painful to read in parts, and in the other parts it's just laughable.

I forced my way through six chapters and decided it wasn't going to get any better and just had to stop.
