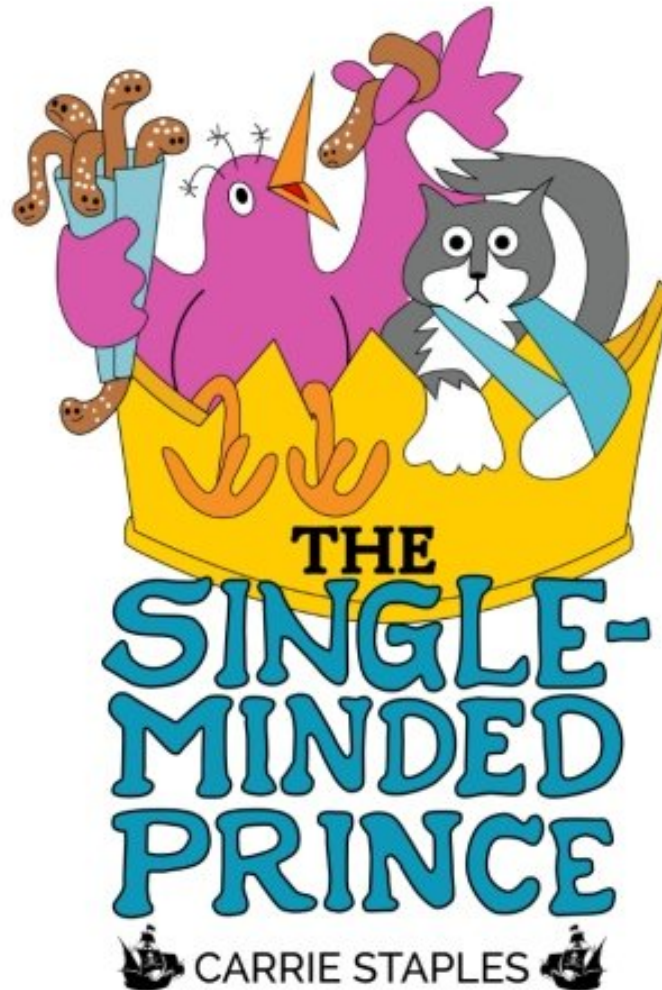


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A wonderful fairy tale for all ages, The Single-Minded Prince is a story to be cherished and reread. Full of important life lessons and wry humor, its laugh-out-loud funny and deeply profound. Prince Bertram the First is born under the

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