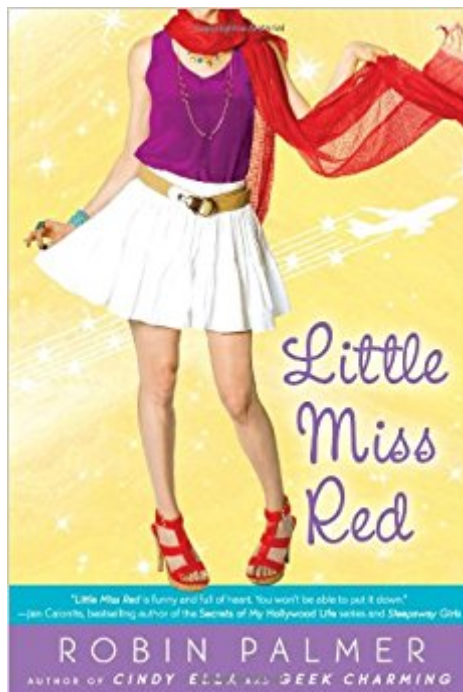


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# Little Miss Red



## Synopsis

The ideal L.A. fairy tale for fans of *Once Upon a Time* and *L.A. Candy*, from the author of *Geek Charming*. Sophie Greene gets good grades, does the right thing, and has a boyfriend that her parents love and her younger brother just love. (Too bad she doesn't love him.) Sophie dreams of being more like Devon Deveraux, star of her favorite romance novels, but, in reality, Sophie isn't even daring enough to change her nail polish. All of that changes when Sophie goes to Florida to visit her grandma Roz, and she finds herself seated next to a wolfishly good-looking guy on the plane. The two hit it off, and before she knows it, Sophie's living on the edge. But is the drama all it's cracked up to be? Watch a Video

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Palmer's latest fairy tale-based romance focuses on 17-year-old Sophie Greene, a nice Jewish girl from Studio City, California. A voracious reader of romance novels who seeks parallels in her own life, Sophie is bored with her steady but unexciting boyfriend of three years and ready for a new adventure. She gets sent to grandmother's house (in Florida), bearing lox and whitefish. While on the plane, she meets charming 19-year-old Jack, who's all sweet talk and clearly bad news. Little Red Riding Hood, anyone? Palmer offers some clever twists and

characterizations in what turns out to be a morality tale (stick with the steady known quantity rather than the unreliable charmer). This quick, predictable read may not challenge much, but it's frequently entertaining, and readers will enjoy watching Sophie break free of some of her habits and learn to appreciate not only her long-suffering boyfriend but her grandmother as well. Though it's not as deep as the books of Gail Carson Levine, Shannon Hale, or Adèle Geras, there's still plenty of room for this frothy addition to the modern fairy-tale genre. Grades 7-11. --Debbie Carton

"Teenage girls looking for a light, enjoyable romance will not be disappointed with Palmer's latest entry." --VOYA

With *Little Miss Red*, one of my favorite YA authors, Robin Palmer, has once again taken an ancient fairy tale and given it a modern, LA girl twist. Here, Sophie Greene is sick of being told she's not the kind of girl to wear Dark as Midnight nail polish, or to wear a red cowboy hat. When it's off to grandmother's house she goes, she meets a dashing older man who she's quite taken with, ignoring his many flaws even as her heart beats with secret hope that her "on pause" relationship with boyfriend Michael will be rekindled. Sophie tries to remake herself into a glamorous version of who she thinks she should be, while seeking advice from sages like her grandmother and her best friend's romance novel-writing mom (who's on the bitter side about love). Sophie's a memorable, fun and funny protagonist who wants to be swept away by passion, but doesn't quite know which guy is the one for her. Following her as she finds out is such an enjoyable (sometimes windblown and on a motorcycle) ride. Palmer lovingly skewers romance novels with Sophie's devotion to heroine Devon Deveraux, and Sophie's adorably mixed-up suspicions and views on love, punctuated often by her buzzing iPhone, are both laugh out loud hilarious and adorably sweet.

I have read several of Robin Palmer's fairy-tale-esque books and found most of them entertaining, fun and endearing. However, I could not say the same about this book. In general, I don't know if this type of story would translate well like the other versions but the character depictions in this book and the character's personalities and back story weren't that interesting. The boy who was supposedly the "bad wolf", that was a stretch. I will continue to read her other books but I just think this one was a disappointment compared to her other books.

Bought this for my fiancé, but it seems to be a bit below her maturity level (24). She likes them, but

they are perhaps a bit juvenile she said. Probably best for a teen or pre-teen girl. Funny concept though.

Yeah, it's pretty much the teenage novel based on Little Red Riding Hood. I thought this novel was pretty descent.

Little Miss Red is thrilling and page turning book. The best book I've read in months. Exciting and fun is what I use to describe it.

Taken from [...]My Thoughts: I was really looking forward to this one from the moment I heard about it last year! I read another one of Robin's and liked it a whole lot. This one was also a good one. We meet Sophie who has been dating Josh for 3 years. She was supposed to go with him down to Florida but he gets sick so she goes down to visit her grandmother alone. Lately, she has felt like they don't have a connection anymore, the romance has started to run sour. Right before she leaves, Josh tells her he thinks they should take a "break." On the plane she meets Jack. Can he be her soulmate? He does end up sitting next to her! Well, she spends the plane ride talking to him and getting to know him. Her grandmother meets him at the airport and invites him home with them since he has nowhere to stay. Sophie gets to know him over the next few weeks and she feels like they have a connection. He is sort of a bad boy so she feels drawn to him. From the get go, I did not like the guy. I thought he was a user. He kept on insisting Sophie pay for everything and that really bothered me. I didn't find him to be charming or sexy like Sophie did. I wanted her to stay with Josh and work on their relationship. A bunch of money comes up missing and Sophie thinks Jack took it. Josh then comes to Florida to see Sophie. What happens next? Read the book to find out. Do Sophie and Jack get together? Do Josh and Sophie stay together? Who took the money? What happens? Overall: I enjoyed reading this book but I just did not like Jack from the get go. I liked Sophie but her choices are all over the place and she falls in lust too easily. Oh, and the references to Nicholas Sparks were definitely awesome! Heart his books!

To Sophie Greene's dismay, her life is boring and practical - and she's sick of everyone reminding her about it. So, like most teens, Sophie wants to experience the life that she is not already living. The sixteen-year-old craves excitement and romance. She wants the glamorous and adventure-filled life of her favorite female book character, Devon Devoreaux. Oh, and she desperately needs to buy a red cowboy hat, in spite of everyone's opinions about it. After a twist in

her Spring Break plans, Sophie's dreams of a spontaneous lifestyle come true. On her way to her grandma's place in Florida, Sophie meets Jack Andrews. This mysterious guy is a musician and knows how to make any female's heart beat like a drum roll (even Sophie's Grandma Roz!). He is so not like Sophie's predictable boyfriend, Michael Rosenberg. But is Sophie's new lifestyle and love interest really that much better? Do Sophie's judgments of others and her hopes for the future prevent her from being realistic? For readers who are already familiar with Palmer's previous works, *LITTLE MISS RED* will not fail to fulfill their expectations. As for newcomers, this book will immediately capture their attentions. The humorous and conversational writing style, along with Sophie's understandable struggles and the plot's tie to Little Red Riding Hood, makes the book perfect for readers of all backgrounds and interests. Reviewed by: Hannah Marie

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