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Review of *Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine* by Gloria Whelan

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A delightful story based on true events in the life of Queen Victoria. When the Queen longs to swim in the sea, her husband, the loving Prince Albert, invents a “bathing machine” for his wife. Her subjects can’t see so much as one knee of their sovereign, but with Albert’s new invention, Victoria can swim to her heart’s content without worry of causing a scandal. Told in rhyme, this book would be a good supplement to a history lesson on the British monarchy, with its playful tone and historical faithfulness. The painted illustrations are whimsical and enjoyable, which, combined with the fluid verse, makes this book a great one read aloud or on one’s own. Highly recommended.

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