

WHAT'S A GIRL GOT TO DO TO MARRY A PRINCE?

BLAME IT ON COMMONERS-TURNED-ROYALS SUCH AS KATE MIDDLETON AND OUR OWN MARY DONALDSON, BUT PRINCESS-FIXATION HAS REACHED SUCH HEIGHTS THAT WOMEN CAN NOW TAKE A COURSE IN HOW TO BECOME ONE

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We're told every little girl wants to be a princess. But have they really thought it through? Yes, having loyal subjects is an attractive idea, not to mention the jewels, gowns and castles... but apart from that, it just doesn't seem like a lot of fun. After all, a good princess always

knows the right thing to wear, how to stand, sit, eat, and the most pleasantly benign thing to say at all times. In other words, these tiny tiara-wearing maidens are dreaming of growing up to become really, really *well behaved*.

Not all little girls are falling for the princess con, though. Recently, one

six-year-old in North Carolina chose to dress up as a hot dog on costume day at her dance school, while all the other girls showed up in princess attire.

As they grow older, most young women recognise what hot-dog girl knew all along - being a princess is not all it's cracked up to be. A career