

Styles: Vera, You're Killing Us



ONE MIGHT THINK [Princess by Vera Wang](#) (\$42) would make one feel like an enchanted ingenue wandering the woods with birds singing and critters dancing at her feet. One would be wrong -- though the stuff is certainly strong enough to knock a girl out like Sleeping Beauty. Despite hints of vanilla and spice, the odor is overwhelmingly musky. The bottle, however, is just darling, especially the tiny crown set with amethyst-hued stones. But any princess who wears the liquid within had better be smart, beautiful and well-endowed, because she won't attract a prince by his nose.

» **RARELY DOES SO SMALL** a tube of goop make so many claims. [Bliss Stiff Upper Lip](#) (\$48) says it will smooth vertical lip wrinkles, slow the regrowth of hairs on the upper lip, plump mouths and reduce "shadowy under-nose pigmentation." Also -- on this writer's face, anyway - it burns like a mother. After a few days of use, however, the stinging died down and our upper lip did seem smoother, though not plumper. Alas, we could not find a tester who would admit to either 'stache issues or "shadowy under-nose pigmentation," so we must leave you in suspense on those two counts.

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