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This is a children's book created for the grand opening of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and to honor Helen DeVos.

Naughty Toes is narrated by a little girl called Trixie. At the start of the story she compares herself to her sister, Belinda, who is, we are told, a ballerina. Trixie, however, is not. And we go on to discover Trixie's anti-ballet tendencies in the dancewear she picks out at the shop, the dismay her unconventional technique elicits from her stern teacher, Madame Mina, the way she does her hair, eats an ice-cream, and the part she is given in the end-of-term show - a rock! But Trixie does have talents, even if they don't quite fit the rules of a ballet class, and it's the class pianist, Mr Tiempo, who can see that Trixie would rather be doing a toe-tap than a twirl. Trixie is full of free-spirited energy and she knows her own mind. At the end of the book, we discover how the contents of a mysterious box - left backstage for Trixie after the end-of-term show - allow her to step out and shine . . . as a tap dancer!

It's Sparkle's first Christmas and Lucy is showing him how to celebrate. Make a snowman. Check. Make a unicorn snowman. Check. Hang stockings, make cookies, and, of course—buy presents! (But don't eat them.) Check. In pure Sparkle fashion, nothing goes as planned, but Lucy ends up learning that love— not presents— is what Christmas is all about.

Trick-or-Treat with Angelina Ballerina! For Halloween, Angelina and her friend Alice make glorious firefly costumes—complete with delicate wings and tiaras. Angelina's little sister, Polly, wants to be a pretty firefly too. But Angelina thinks she's too little. Polly settles for dressing up as a ghost, and on Halloween night, gives Angelina a surprise scare!

This title is a collection of favourite nursery rhymes, first poems and fairytales. Beautifully illustrated and a host of best-loved characters will delight and entertain readers.

Cars, colors, and funny animals abound in this simple Level B I Like to Read book for young readers. The rhino loves his red car

. . . which just happens to have a rhino-horn hood ornament. And the alligator loves her green car that has sharp teeth and spikes just like hers! The shark's car has a fin and a tail. The funny animals in this book match their equally funny cars as they all make their way to a party! With very simple text and detailed, cartoonish illustrations, this is a great read-aloud for kids who love cars-- and an ideal book for beginning readers just learning to read on their own. The award-winning I Like to Read® series focuses on guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas and Pinnell standards. Acclaimed author-illustrators--including winners of Caldecott, Theodor Seuss Geisel, and Coretta Scott King honors--create original, high-quality illustrations that support comprehension of simple text and are fun for kids to read again and again with their parents, teachers or on their own! Level B books, suitable for kindergarten readers, feature short sentences and high-frequency words. The illustrations provide clues to word meanings. When Level B is mastered, follow up with Level C.

From its modest beginnings in the 1960s in a Harlem church basement, to its meteoric rise to international fame, the Dance Theatre of Harlem ignited the world with one simple, still-revolutionary statement: All can do ballet. Into the 21st century, as the world, and the country, continue their historical struggles and triumphs, the story of this haven for dancers of all colors and backgrounds resonates more than ever. Here, for the first time, is the definitive portrait of the one-of-a-kind community dance company that reflected--and shaped--our times, and whose enduring principle continues to inspire the future. With exclusive backstage stories from its legendary dancers and staff, and unprecedented access to its archives, Dance Theatre of Harlem is a striking chronicle of the company's amazing history, its fascinating daily workings, and the visionaries who made its legacy. Here you'll discover how the company's founders--African-American maestro Arthur Mitchell of George Balanchine's New York City Ballet, and Nordic-American Karel Shook of The Dutch National Ballet--created timeless works that chal-

lenged Eurocentric mainstream ballet head-on--and used new techniques to examine ongoing issues of power, beauty, myth, and the ever-changing definition of art itself. Gaining prominence in the 1970s and 80s with a succession of triumphs--including its spectacular season at the Metropolitan Opera House--the company also gained fans and supporters that included Nelson Mandela, Stevie Wonder, Cicely Tyson, Misty Copeland, Jessye Norman, and six American presidents. Dance Theatre of Harlem details this momentous era as well as the company's difficult years, its impressive recovery as it partnered with new media's most brilliant creators--and, in the wake of its 50th anniversary, amid a global pandemic, its evolution into a worldwide virtual performance space. Alive with stunning photographs, including many from the legendary Marbeth, this incomparable book is a must-have for any lover of dance, art, culture, or history.

Wearing pink and tiptoeing through the dewdrops is for wimps! Emmelina would rather play with her friends, the frogs. But can a fairy with an independent streak earn her wings if she goes against the fairy code? Warm, humorous, and with just the right amount of pink (and mud), here's a book that will capture the hearts of girly-girls and tomboys alike.

The beloved debut novel from one of Australia's foremost storytellers. Epic and passionate, *White Gardenia* will sweep you away ... 'Mama, Mama,' I said to myself, 'keep safe. You will survive, and I will survive, until we can find each other again.' In a district of the city of Harbin, a haven for White Russian families since Russia's Communist revolution, Alina Kozlova must make a heartbreaking decision if her only child, Anya, is to survive the final days of World War II. *White Gardenia* sweeps across cultures and continents, from the glamorous nightclubs of Shanghai to the harshness of Cold War Soviet Russia in the 1960s, from a desolate island in the Pacific Ocean to a new life in post-war Australia. Both mother and daughter must make sacrifices, but is the price too high? Most importantly of all, will they ever find each other again? Rich in incident and historical

detail, this is a compelling and beautifully written tale about yearning and forgiveness. PRAISE FOR WHITE GARDENIA: 'Depicts vividly the powerful lifelong bond between mothers and daughters' - Paullina Simons 'Captivating' - Daily Telegraph 'A passionate and powerful family saga' - Australian Women's Weekly

"A breathtaking exploration of style and movement. Featuring more than eighty of today's most famous dancers--captured in movement, and styled in garments designed by some of fashion's biggest names. From renowned photographers Ken Browar and Deborah Ory, the husband-and-wife team behind NYC Dance Project and the best-selling photography book *The art of movement*, comes the sequel for fans of dance, fashion, and photography. Spotlighting today's greatest dancers--from ballet to modern--in clothing by celebrated designers, this stunning volume examines the relationship between style, fashion, and dance. The pages come to life with the dancers' grace and movement; each becoming one with what they're wearing. Whether in couture gowns from Dior, Valentino, Oscar de la Renta, vintage Halston, and Bill Blass or in costumes designed by Martha Graham herself, the world-famous dancers featured on these pages--including Tiler Peck, Daniil Simkin, Misty Copeland, and Olga Smirnova--bring movement to style. Accompanying the photographs are intimate and inspiring words from the dancers and fashion designers. From Janet Eilber, the Artistic Director of the Martha Graham Dance Company describing Graham's influence on fashion, to Michael Trusnovec, a Paul Taylor dancer describing how vintage tails made him feel like Fred Astaire. With leading dancers from around the world dancing in the most exquisite fashions, Browar and Ory have created unique images of style that are timeless and unlike anything seen in today's fashion photography"--Dust jacket flap

When Lucy sees an ad in the newspaper for a unicorn, she sends in her twenty-five cents and waits four to six long weeks for her very own unicorn to arrive. She imagines the flowers that she'll braid into his beautiful pink mane, and she even picks the perfect name for him: Sparkle. But when Sparkle arrives, his ears are too long, his horn is too short, he smells funny--and oh, he has fleas. Lucy isn't pleased, but in the end she warms up to Sparkle and realizes that even though he wasn't exactly the unicorn she wanted, he might be just the one she needs.

It's every little girl's dream to be a ballerina, right? Well, not in the case of Belinda, the ninja ballerina. Enrolled in ballet class-

es against her will, Belinda would take a headstand over a pirouette any day. But nobody will actually listen to Belinda's protests that she wants to be a ninja, not a ballerina. That is until Belinda stages a one-girl protest and demands her rights. Her teacher has to put her thinking cap on and finally comes up with a solution that will keep everybody happy.

Two dogs, Spike and Cubby, get caught in a storm while trying to sail to their dream destination--the grand opening of Ice Cream Island.

Sebastien relates the life of Marie Antoinette as she goes from being a teenager devoted to him, her pug dog, to becoming the Queen of France and mother to two children.

From *The Story of O* to *The Sexual Life of Catherine M*, readers have been enthralled with sexually subversive memoirs by women. Here, Toni Bentley recounts her experiences when she meets a lover who introduces her to a radical and unexpected pleasure.

The fourth book in the *A Unicorn Named Sparkle* series features pumpkins, silly adventures, and of course, a sparkly friendship — perfect for Autumn! Lucy and our favorite unicorn are back in *Sparkle the Unicorn and the Pumpkin Monster*. Lucy and Sparkle love Halloween, especially at Frank's Pumpkin Farm. They get to run through corn mazes, play games, decorate pumpkins, and most importantly: eat a lot of cider donuts. But Lucy and Sparkle discover one big difference between them — Lucy loves to be scared every once in awhile. Sparkle? Not so much. When Lucy takes the scary part of Halloween one step too far for Sparkle, she must comfort her frightened unicorn pal — and win back his trust.

In *A Unicorn Named Sparkle*, Lucy found out that the unicorn she thought she didn't want was the exact right unicorn for her. In this new story from children's book author and illustrator Amy Young, *A New Friend for Sparkle*, Lucy makes a new friend and Sparkle is worried that it means she doesn't care about him anymore. What happens when two's company but three's a crowd?

A collection of stories from eight popular ballets, including "La Bayadère," "Petroushka," and "Giselle."

Author/illustrator Richard Torrey explains what it means to "play ball!" from the uniform to warming up, from field positions to ice cream after a "good game." New--to-the-game players will love this detailed, child's-eye look at the diamond and what goes on both on and off the field.

The fifth book in *A Unicorn Named Sparkle*

series is about finding out there's no perfect way to say "I love you." Lucy and a unicorn named Sparkle are back for another funny and sweet adventure. Valentine's Day is when you tell the people in your life how much you love them. There's no one Sparkle loves more than Lucy. He decides to make her the perfect valentine. Except, instead of hands, Sparkle has hooves. He can't write and he can't cut. So how is he going to show Lucy that he loves her best of all?

When Belinda's magnificently large ballet shoes get lost en route to Paris, she must find another pair before her performance in the Paris Opera.

For fans of Colleen McCullough, Kate Morton, and Lucinda Riley, a powerful saga of family, love, honor, and betrayal set in historical Barcelona and romantic Paris, from the author of *Tuscan Rose*. "You who judge me: come! Let me tell you a story..." Paloma Batton is the granddaughter of Spanish refugees who fled Barcelona after the Civil War. A disciplined student attending the school of the Paris Opera Ballet, Paloma lets little get in the way of her career until she receives a mysterious pair of golden earrings. She begins exploring her Spanish heritage and becomes fascinated by la Rusa, a woman who rose from poverty to become one of the great flamenco dancers of modern times before committing suicide. As Paloma begins to unravel the secrets of the past, she discovers more than one person who had good reason for wanting la Rusa dead—including Paloma's own grandmother. Written with the same depth and emotion as Belinda Alexandra's "rich, unforgettable saga" (Kimberly Freeman, author of *Wildflower Hill*) *Tuscan Rose, Golden Earrings* moves between two of the great cities of Europe: Barcelona in the lead-up to the Civil War and Paris in the 1970s. It is the story of two women and the extremes to which they are willing to go for love. And above all, it is a story of great passions—and great betrayals—where nothing is quite as it seems.

An epic new novel as memorable as the scent of lavender, from one of Australia's most compelling storytellers 'Nothing is wasted, Simone. the love we give never dies.' At fourteen, Simone Fleurier is wrenched from her home on a Provencal lavender farm and sent to work in Marseille. Her life there is hard and impoverished, but Simone discovers the music hall and a dream: to one day be a famous dancer and singer. But when war threatens, Simone makes a decision that will lead to great danger - yet ultimately prove that love, just like wild lavender, can grow

in the least likely of places ... Belinda Alexandra has created a tale of passion and courage that moves from the backstreets of Marseille to the grand music theatres of Paris, from the countryside of Provence to decadent pre-war Berlin and jazz-age New York. *Wild Lavender* is a feast for the senses that will live on in the imagination long after the book is closed. PRAISE FOR WILD LAVENDER: 'Filled with glamour, heartbreak, drama and suspense' The Age 'Rich in detail, and the story fairly rattles along' Choice magazine After hearing strict Madame Swoboda's admonition that "bears have no place in ballet" Larry the lovable polar bear and his friends at the zoo ask little Mildred Frobisher to teach them ballet so they can "tell a story and express feelings through movement" because all polar bears dance. That's what polar bears do.

New baby brothers are loud stinky and totally boring. But are they tasty, too? All the grown-ups in Tom's life seem to think Baby Nathaniel looks cute enough to eat. Would they really eat a baby for dinner? Could Tom be next?! Children will giggle and parents will smile as Amy Young puts a delicious twist on the classic new baby tale.

A photographic art book capturing dynamic dancer and dog duos.

Sixteen colorful dolls with dashing costumes represent swashbuckling characters from famous pirate films, including Errol Flynn in *Captain Blood*, Geena Davis in *Cutthroat Island*, plus other stars from today's biggest seaworthy hits.

Belinda and the 'Boring' Ballet Class (HC) By: Dani Tucci-Juraga Illustrated By: Nanad Antle Proceeds from the purchase this book are donated as a scholarship to children who wish to dance.

When Belinda, a tiny girl with enormous feet, is cast as a clown in her school's talent show she is very unhappy, but after each disastrous rehearsal she observes an older student ballet dancing, then goes home to practice what she has seen.

A stunning celebration of movement and dance in hundreds of breathtaking photographs by the creative team behind NYC Dance Project. The Art of Movement is an exquisite collection of photographs by well-known dance photographers Ken Browar and Deborah Ory that capture the movement, flow, energy, and grace of many of the most accomplished dancers in the world. Featured are more than 70 dancers from companies including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Martha Graham Dance Company, Boston Ballet, Royal Danish Ballet, The Royal Ballet, Abraham in Mo-

tion, and many more. Accompanying the photographs are intimate and inspiring words from the dancers, as well as from choreographers and artistic directors on what dance means to them.

Lacy's riding lesson with Annie, her instructor, begins with getting the tack and ends with brushing her pony, Jack. By the author of *My Pony Jack*.

A woman's journey through love and darkness to save the sister lost to her, set against the seductive backdrop of contemporary Paris and 1917 Ballet Russes. A sweeping saga about love, truth, grief and passion - and what it takes to fulfil a dream. Paris, 1917 Ballerina Viktoriya Budian narrowly escapes Russia with her life. She arrives in Paris determined to start afresh with the famed Ballets Russes but her newfound success is threatened when her past returns to haunt her. Forced to choose between love and fame, Viktoriya's life spirals out of control and the decision she makes seriously affects the lives of many for years to come. Paris, present day Australian dancer Lily Johansson returns to Paris, the city that broke her heart and destroyed her ballet career, hoping to ease the guilt over her fiancé's death and to make amends with her estranged sister, Natalie, a ballerina with the Bohème Ballet. Terrified of loving again, Lily nevertheless finds herself becoming entangled with talented composer Yves Rousseau. Meanwhile, vying for the role honouring Viktoriya Budian, Lily's sister Natalie develops an unhealthy obsession. As Natalie's behaviour becomes increasingly erratic, Lily fears for her sister's safety and sanity. When Natalie goes missing, Lil and Yves set out on a desperate quest across France to find her and, along the way, battle their own demons. Could the search for her sister lead Lily to realise that ballet - like love and life - should not be abandoned so easily?

Belinda competes with a very ambitious new dancer for the title role in the ballet "Cinderella."

From the Man Booker Prize longlisted author of *My Name is Lucy Barton* ? Isabelle Goodrow has been living in self-imposed exile with her daughter Amy for fifteen years. Shamed by her past and her affair with Amy's father, she has submerged herself in the routine of her dead-end job and her unrequited love for her boss. But when Amy, frustrated by her quiet and unemotional mother, embarks on an illicit affair with her maths teacher, the disgrace intensifies the shame Isabelle feels about her own past. Throughout one long, sweltering summer, as the events of the small town ebb and flow around them, Amy and Isabelle

exist in silent conflict until a final act leads ultimately to the understanding they both crave.

This fast-paced, heart-warming and laugh-out-loud romantic comedy from best-selling author Belinda Jones is perfect for fans of Jo Thomas, Lindsey Kelk, Sophie Kinsella and Paige Toon. 'Great characters...hilariously written...buy it!' - New Woman 'Perfect summer fun!' - SUN 'Top holiday reading!' - Closer 'Great, hilarious book full of drama and humour.' -- ***** Reader review 'Laugh out loud moments, brilliant writing' -- ***** Reader review 'Read it, you will not be disappointed'--***** Reader review ***** ALL DREAMS COME TRUE IN LAS VEGAS, DON'T THEY...? Jamie and Izzy, friends for ever, have a dream: a spangly double wedding in Las Vegas. And, at twenty-seven, they decide they've had enough crap boyfriends and they're ready for crap husbands: all they have to do is find them. So where better than Las Vegas itself, where the air is 70% oxygen and 30% confetti? But as they abandon their increasingly complicated lives in sleepy Devon for the eye-popping brilliance of Las Vegas, their groom-grabbing plan starts to look less than foolproof. And those niggling problems they thought they'd left behind - like Izzy's fiancé and the alarming reappearance of Jamie's first love - just won't go away...

When Belinda auditions for the Spring Ballet Recital and the judges tell her she can not be a ballerina because her feet are too big, she tries to forget about dancing.

For every young dancer who finds that her body is not perfect . . . the story puts physical defects into perspective and offers something to laugh about at the same time.--Booklist. Full color.

Age range: 5+ Who's in your family? *Frizzle and Me* is the gently humorous story of a growing rainbow family. It's a big deal when your family changes, but with plenty of love to go around, even the biggest changes can be wonderful! 'Frizzle and Me jumps on board a current -- and vital -- trend for books celebrating diversity, and makes a respectable contribution to the cohort. The premise is that the definition of 'family' is simple: those around you, who you love and are close to...The clear message is that there is no such thing as 'normal' when it comes to family. The illustrations are reminiscent of Janet Ahlberg crossed with Helen Oxenbury: comforting and familiar landscapes where adults and children and pets all seem relaxed and connected. The repeated refrains from the central character -- as each person joins

the family, the child is confident that the important things will not change -- will no doubt be embraced by young children.' -- Books+Publishing 'Frizzle and Me is an en-

dearing exploration of family dynamics. By purposefully choosing not to portray a traditional nuclear unit, the book draws attention to the role of affection, connection

and acceptance in forming a strong family bond and in creating a place of safety for children during periods of change.' -- Buzz Words Magazine