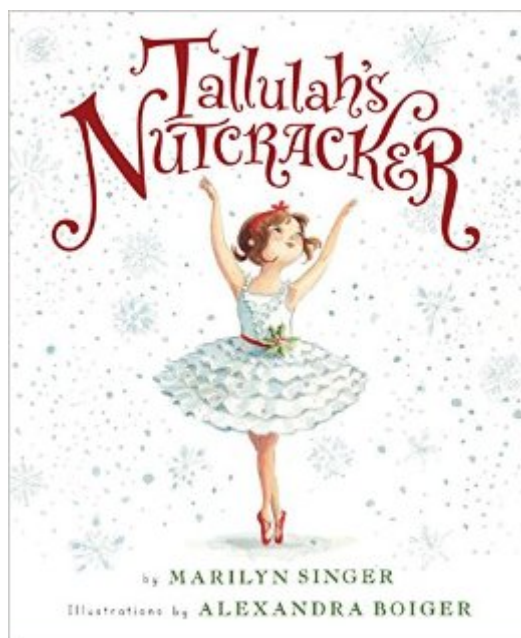


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Tallulah's Nutcracker



Synopsis

It's Christmastime, and Tallulah finally gets what she's been wishing for—a part in a real ballet, a professional production of The Nutcracker. She's only a mouse, but she works as hard as if she had been cast as the Sugar Plum Fairy. On the night of the show, everything is perfect. But then disaster strikes! Does Tallulah have what it takes to become a real ballerina? A well-told story, gorgeous illustrations, and a beloved character conspire to make a positively magical Christmas book.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Generally speaking the Tallulah collection scores well in every aspect: it's a very pretty book collection, the drawings are adorable, kids who take ballet classes do relate easily because of the jargon used and....it has sparkles. This particular story illustrates themes like perseverance, pride, hard-work, sacrifice, shame, how to cope with humiliation and will be my go-to book in case I have to help my daughter through any of these.

I love all the Tallulah Books. When The Nutcracker book was offered I jumped to order. I love it and

so will my granddaughter. The pictures are beautiful and story very nicely told. I would highly recommend this book.

I have 2 daughters getting ready for their upcoming Nutcracker performances. This is absolutely the perfect book for them. Tallulah shares their excitement for their roles and being the best they can be, but she is also an example of what to do if things don't go completely as planned! We read it tonight and they LOVED it!

What good timing to see the advertisement for this book in the playbill of the actual performance of The Nutcracker. That was smart marketing. I ordered it during intermission and it arrived two days later. Perfect!

A great read for my young ballet students during Nutcracker season. All of the Tallulah books are fun -- nice stories and lessons, beautiful illustrations with a good eye for "real" ballet, and excellent vocabulary builders for the budding ballerina.

Tallulah experiences her worst nightmare during a performance of the Nutcracker, but the company principals speak with her afterwards and let her know they have had similar experiences, and that she handled it really well by just going on with the job. My niece is currently performing in the Nutcracker and this was a good story to address her fears of making an embarrassing mistake.

As the father of an aspiring ballerina (at least in her mind, The Moscow Ballet has not called just yet) I've read the entire Tallulah series. I particularly enjoyed Tallulah's Nutcracker. The message in it is a great one. Basically Tallulah gets her shot at the big time. The part of a mouse in the real Nutcracker ballet with lights and stages and spot lights...etc etc etc And she flubs it. Badly. Like so badly that it causes a multiple ballerina pile up on the stage. She's mortified and can't face the crowd or her parents after the show. She goes back to the dressing room and hides from the world. Then the director and all the lead ballerinas from the show come in and tell her how badly they've botch their various roles in the past and how the true test of a dance (or anyone really) is how well they get back up and move on after a bad performance. Tallulah learns to embrace her failure and learn from it rather than deny it or let it ruin her. She comes out stronger in the end. This is such a great message for today's world, where too many adults refuse to let kids fail or get their feelings hurt. It's okay to fail. We learn from failing. Most importantly, we learn how to be stronger and better

after failing. This book illustrates how it's okay to fail as long as you also get back up and don't let the failure define you. And that it's okay to keep putting yourself out there where you could fail again in the future. There is not enough of that message anymore. The illustrations are soft, with muted colors. They are very soothing, making this a suitable bedtime story.

Boys and girls enjoy this story about a girl and her dreams of being a real dancer. When she makes a mistake, she is devastated, but when other share their similar experiences, she understands that mistakes happen and the best thing to do is move on. A good lesson, told in a humorous and enjoyable manner.

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