

Ella Bella Ballerina And The Magic Toyshop Ella Bella Ballerina Series

Can Ella Bella help the swan princess to be reunited with her prince? Will she help to break the wicked sorcerer's spell? Will true love conquer all? Young ballerinas will find the answer to all these questions and delight in the sheer charm of Ella Bella's world. James Mayhew has also included a page full of ballet facts to help even the keenest budding ballerina learn the story behind Swan Lake.

At the art museum, while her grandmother dozes, Katie steps into the painting of the Mona Lisa and together they have adventures with the characters from four other well-known Renaissance paintings. Includes information about the artists.

(back cover) Join Ella Bella Ballerina as she twirls into the enchanting, festive world of " The Nutcracker " ballet with its dancing snowflakes, swirling sweets, and beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy. But can Ella Bella help the Nutcracker defeat his archenemy, the wicked Mouse King? Discover the magic of famous ballets with the charming Ella Bella Ballerina. Created by James Mayhew, this delightful character appears in three more books in this series: " Ella Bella Ballerina and Cinderella, Ella Bella Ballerina and the Sleeping Beauty, "and " Ella Bella Ballerina and Swan Lake. " All " Ella Bella books " are available in North America from Barron's. (front flap) Ella Bella Ballerina and The Nutcracker Written and Illustrated by James Mayhew Christmas is coming, and

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Madame Rosa has prepared a surprise party for her ballet class. "Ella Bella, would you fetch the music box?" asks Madame Rosa. "Then we can have some dancing at our party." As the music begins playing, little Ella Bella is magically transported into the enchanting, festive world of The Nutcracker ballet. There, she meets the beautiful Clara and her wooden Nutcracker doll.

Together, Ella and Clara must fight off the evil Mouse King so they can break the evil spell that has transformed a handsome prince into the Nutcracker doll. A brief passage at the back of the book recounts the life of Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and his creation of the music for this famous ballet. (back flap)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR James Mayhew was born in Blundeston, a tiny village in Suffolk, England. Today he lives with his wife and son in Letchworth Garden City, England. The author and illustrator of many popular children's books, James Mayhew claims that he began writing so that he would have something to illustrate. He is also the author of "Ella Bella Ballerina and Cinderella, Ella Bella Ballerina and The Sleeping Beauty, "and "Ella Bella Ballerina and Swan Lake. "

Tallulah just knew she could be a great ballerina, if only she had a tutu. So she starts ballet class. When she does not receive a tutu, she quits. But everywhere she goes, things keep reminding her of ballet. Her neighbor's basset hound always stands in second position. The kitchen clock performs perfect ronds de jambe. And Tallulah can't seem to stop doing ballet, either. A park bench makes a perfect barre, and what better way to pet the dog than with a graceful plié? This

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well-told, funny story with a smart new character will satisfy girls' cravings for pretty and pink, but also shows that ballet is about more than just the tutu.

An insomnia pandemic is sweeping the globe, leaving people unable to function and society on the brink of collapse... Dr. Cooper Delaney believes he has the answer: Noctural, a new sleep-aid—one with absolutely no side-effects—which in early testing shows 100% effectiveness. The only problem is, it doesn't work. With no warning. No explanation. Unable to accept the drug's inexplicable failure and unwilling to concede to the competition, lines are crossed, ethical boundaries are pushed to the breaking point, and disturbing realizations come to light that could completely unravel civilization as we know it... and throw into question humanity's place in the universe. A jetset medical thriller meets sci-fi adventure with an unforgettable cast of characters, Percivious Insomnia presents an alternate history so compelling that it could possibly be true. The first book in the Percivious Trilogy from husband-wife author duo JJ Cook & AJ Cook, MD, Percivious Insomnia sets a unique and original course for fiction of the future, and paints a timely, prescient portrait of today's globalized society... and what may exist beyond the realm of our current understanding.

Poor little Dragon just can't get to sleep, no matter how hard he tries. Instead, what he'd really like to do is dance through the moonlight and play games in the starlit sky with the fairies . . . but will they let him? This book will be perfect at bedtimes for settling sleepyheads down for the night. Another beautifully written, velvety verse from

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James Mayhew with beautiful illustrations from Lindsey Gardiner who won the Richard and Judy prize with her Poppy and Max characters.

Tallulah is certain she will have a solo in her dance school's upcoming performance of The Frog Prince. After all, she is now an excellent ballerina. And she's proud that her little brother, Beckett, has started taking ballet too, even though he spends most of his time goofing off. But then Tallulah gets an unexpected surprise . . . and not the good kind. What's a ballerina to do when everything does not go as planned? Ballet and sibling rivalry meet head-on in this fabulous follow-up to Tallulah's Tutu.

Legend has it the only way to meet a mermaid is to know where to look and to give her a beautiful handmade gift that shows her you care. If you're lucky, she may take you on an ocean adventure! Mermaids are rarely seen, and even more rarely met. But, if you gather some natural craft supplies—shells, coral, driftwood, and sea glass—and make her a gift, you might just befriend one! Will you spot a mermaid in the waves just off shore? If you do, will you be ready? By being observant, resourceful, and friendly, you can make a beautiful crown from natural beach materials that will show your new mermaid friend you truly care. Perhaps she'll take you on an incredible adventure through the ocean's depths, past ancient shipwrecks, and to her shell castle! You just might experience what it's like to be a mermaid yourself! Sue Fliess's poetic read-aloud text and Simona Sanfilippo's vibrant, whimsical illustrations will provide joy for young readers eager to meet their own mermaids!

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Also included are guides for teachers and parents about how to engage children in building mermaid crowns and how to interest them in the natural world, the history of mermaids, and the many cultures that have believed in them.

Little ballerinas will love these imaginative retellings of *The Nutcracker* and *Sleeping Beauty*. With illustrations that capture the magic of the stories, award-winning author James Mayhew weaves the classic tales through the eyes of a young ballerina. Little Ella Bella loves attending Madame Rosa's ballet class at the old theater. Most of all she loves the music that plays from Madame Rosa's special music box. Whenever it plays, something magical is certain to happen! In *Ella Bella Ballerina and the Nutcracker*, Ella is magically transported into the enchanting, festive world of *The Nutcracker* ballet. There, she meets the beautiful Clara and her wooden *Nutcracker* doll. Together, Ella and Clara must fight off the evil Mouse King so they can break the evil spell that has transformed a handsome prince into the *Nutcracker* doll. The music box transports little Ella Bella to another fairy tale realm in *Ella Bella Ballerina and the Sleeping Beauty*. Entering the palace of Princess Aurora, the *Sleeping Beauty*, Ella meets all the story's characters--not only the good ones, but also the sinister bad fairy--and she sees the famous story unfold before her very eyes. At the end of each of these beautifully

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illustrated stories, young readers will learn about the origins of the featured ballet and the history of the composers who created the timeless music that we all know and love. The perfect holiday surprise for little lovers of dance.

Once Upon a Tune brings you six wonderful stories from many lands, all of which inspired great music. You can battle trolls with Peer Gynt in The Hall of the Mountain King; grapple with a magic broom in The Sorcerer's Apprentice, meet the evil Witch of the North in The Swan of Tuonela, sail the seven seas with Sinbad the Sailor in Scheherazade; be a prince disguised as a bee in The Flight of the Bumblebee, and become a fearless hero in William Tell. The stories are excitingly told and stunningly illustrated by James Mayhew. Includes Musical Notes with more information about the stories and music, plus James's recommended recordings to download and listen to.

Katie's Picture Show was originally published in 1989 and has captured the imagination and hearts of budding art lovers for a quarter of a century. Now, Orchard Books proudly presents this new edition to celebrate this classic story's 25th birthday.

Completely reillustrated throughout, and with a beautiful new cover look, this book will enchant Katie fans, new and old. Join Katie as she visits the gallery for the first time with Grandma and discovers that art is wonderfully exciting, especially when five famous

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paintings come alive for her! Join the ever-curious Katie as she discovers that art can be fantastic fun - particularly when you step into the world inside the frame . . . Includes reproductions of: The Hay Wain by John Constable Madame Moitessier Seated by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres Les Parapluies by Pierre-Auguste Renoir Tropical Storm With a Tiger by Henri Rousseau Dynamic Suprematism by Kasimir Malevich

Look for the little bear in each beautiful drawing. can Ella Bella help the Nutcracker to defeat his arch enemy, the wicked Mouse King? Join Ella Bella Ballerina as she twirls into the enchanting world of The Nutcracker ballet with its magical dancing snowflakes, tantalising swirling sweets and, of course, the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy. James Mayhew's richly detailed storytelling and his exquisite, retro art-style make this book perfect for all would-be prima ballerinas. The final page is devoted to ballet facts, so children can learn about the original ballet The Nutcracker.

Ella Bella longs to be a beautiful ballerina, and so each week she goes to Madame Rosa's ballet class at the old theatre. As we all know, theatres are magical places where anything can happen, and sure enough, as soon as Ella Bella opens Madame Rosa's magical musical box on the empty stage, she's whisked off in a beautiful lilac light to Sleeping Beauty's palace. But will she be able to help the Lilac

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Fairy save Sleeping Beauty from the bad fairy's wicked spell?

On a visit to the museum, Katie climbs into five Impressionist paintings and has wonderful adventures. Includes information about Impressionism, the paintings shown, and their artists.

Learning becomes fun for kids with this counting book about the forest habitat. Amazing artwork will inspire children in classrooms and at home to appreciate the world around us! Follow the tracks of ten woodland animals but . . . uh-oh . . . watch out for the skunk! Children learn the ways of forest animals to the rhythm of "Over in the Meadow" as they leap like a squirrel, dunk like a raccoon, and pounce like a fox. They will also count the babies and search for ten hidden forest animals. Cut paper illustrations add to the fun in this delightful introduction to a woodland habitat. Once again, Marianne Berkes makes learning fun. Kids will hide, graze, and pounce as they imitate and count the animals. Like *Over in Australia*, the cut-paper illustrations will inspire many an art project. Plus Marianne provides tons of ideas for activities and curriculum extensions about forest animals, literature, and writing. Teachers and parents, as well as kids, are the winners with these books.

Backmatter Includes: Further information about the forest and the animals in the book! Music and song

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lyrics to "Over in the Forest" sung to the tune "Over in the Meadow".

Illus. in full color. Angelina is so busy dancing that she does nothing else. Her parents are in despair until they send her to ballet school.

The sun comes up, and Miss Lina's ballerinas go to ballet class. They jump! They spin! They point their toes! But when class is over, Miss Lina's ballerinas keep dancing wherever they go. Based on the beloved Miss Lina's Ballerinas books, this is an original text that is just right for ballet-loving beginning readers.

Everyone's favourite little dancer, Ella Bella Ballerina, steps into an enchanted toyshop in this magical ballet adventure. Discover a world of fairytale toymakers and dancing dolls in in this beautiful introduction to classic ballet, La Boutique Fantastique. Look out for the other books in the series: Ella Bella and A Midsummer Night's Dream Ella Bella Ballerina and Swan Lake Ella Bella Ballerina and Cinderella Ella Bella Ballerina and The Sleeping Beauty Ella Bella Ballerina and The Nutcracker In her first picture book since the bestselling and award-winning Firebird, Misty Copeland tells the story of a young Misty discovering her love for dance through the ballet of Coppelia. On her first day of class Misty is absolutely captivated by the narrative of the story and entranced by the dance. Nervous, yet excited, Misty decides to audition for one of the lead roles. As she prepares for the audition and, eventually, the performance, Misty learns to lean on her newfound friends for inspiration and rely on her own can-do spirit to dance her very best. Featuring themes of teamwork,

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friendship, dedication, and hard work, children everywhere will be inspired to reach for their dreams in Misty's exciting new picture book series, Bunheads. The art of ballet is interpreted and demonstrated by the renowned American Ballet Theatre as it allows the reader inside its doors to view its classes, dancers, teachers, and memorable performances, sharing secrets of the art and the discipline of the dance through vivid photographs as well as incisive commentary.

In this stunning follow-up to the bestselling *The Nutcracker* and *The Sleeping Beauty*, the New York City Ballet presents another timeless tale for a modern ballet lover with *Swan Lake*. This lavishly illustrated book follows the storyline, choreography, costumes, and sets of the New York City Ballet's production of *Swan Lake*. With beautiful art illustrated by Valeria Docampo, this magnificent retelling is a perfect gift for an aspiring ballerina or any family who wants to add this enchanting and classic tale to their library.

Mia's big sister teaches her that there is more to being a ballerina than just putting on the right clothes.

Full colour red Early Reader about the legendary Arthur, Merlin and the sword in the stone, written and illustrated by James Mayhew. Early Readers are stepping stones from picture books to reading books, perfect for building confidence in new readers and reluctant readers. A blue Early Reader is perfect for sharing and reading together. A red Early Reader is the next step on your reading journey. Long ago, in the days of knights and castles and magic, there lived a wizard called Merlin. One night, in a churchyard in London, Merlin casts a spell on a sword.

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He pushes it into a stone and writes magic words, saying: He who pulls this sword out of the stone, is the true King of England. Then Merlin waits for the boy who will be king. Full colour Early Reader edition of the popular myth about the sword in the stone.

A little girl puts on different costumes and pretends she's a ballerina performing for an audience.

Meet Ella Bella, an adorable young girl struggling to find the right words to say! Follow along as she learns and practices a strategy to help her get her point across. Ella Bella Just Can't Tell Ya will entertain children while teaching them vocabulary and word retrieval strategies. This fun and interactive book is perfect for preschool and early elementary children, as well as any that find word retrieval a challenge. This is a perfect read for speech-language pathologists, parents, and teachers who are looking for a book to show children they are not alone.

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Ella Bella Ballerina and Cinderella Ella Bella Ballerina and The Sleeping Beauty Ella Bella Ballerina and The Nutcracker

Discover the sights of Scotland with this classic Katie picture book. With so much to see and do in Scotland, it's lucky that Katie, Jack and Grandma have a very special guide to show them the best spots. Join their fun-packed tour - with Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster! Landmarks featured include Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood, The Royal Mile, Scotland's National Gallery and Greyfriar's Bobby. 'A delightful tale with superb illustrations' - The Scots Magazine

After ballet class, Ella Bella listens to the music from the Cinderella ballet and is transported into the story. Can the adorable Ella Bella Ballerina help Cinderella get to the Royal Ball? Alone on the stage after class, Ella Bella opens Madame Rosa's magical musical box and is whisked off into the world of the Cinderella ballet. But will Ella Bella be able to help Cinderella meet her perfect Prince Charming? Gaspard's friend Finty the dog and her owner Honey are travelling to a classical concert in London's Hyde Park - if only Gaspard could join them! But while good-naturedly attempting to return Honey's scarf, the handsomest fox in London suddenly finds himself on a tour through the city's streets aboard Finty's bus passing some of London's best sight-seeing spots such as: Islington Green, Museum

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Street, Chinatown, the theatres of the West End, Piccadilly and many more. This latest adventure in the Gaspard the Fox series sees Gaspard thrust literally to centre stage as he becomes a musical inspiration. 'The wonderful thing about Gaspard the Fox is that it's hard to imagine a time when he was never there. He has the look and sound - in the words and pictures on the page and the music of the orchestra - of a classic. Three cheers for Gaspard!' - Philip Ardagh, Roald Dahl Funny Prize winning author 'Another wonderful tale of the exciting adventures of Gaspard, our urban fox friend, beautifully told and illustrated. A real treat'. - Dame Patricia Routledge 'This is a lovely story, beautifully illustrated and speaks to the hearts of all children, young and old' - Marin Alsop, Conductor

Meet Gaspard the Fox as he sets out one summer evening in search of adventure and something to eat. On his travels he meets Peter the cat and Finty the dog, who help him navigate the local canals, boats, and people in his hunt for supper. A charming and humorous picture book celebrating urban foxes and their relationship with the humans and animals they share the city with. First in a series of picture books following the adventures of Gaspard and his friends.

Who says ballet is just for swans? A flamingo is tickled pink when she befriends a ballerina in this funny, heartwarming story about dance and determination.

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When Fifi crash-lands in a pond near a ballet school, she mistakes the ballerinas balancing on one leg for fellow flamingos. She longs to be a dancer, too, but the mean swans who rule the pond say she's not graceful enough. . . But when Fifi befriends Darcy, one of the young ballerinas, she learns that becoming a dancer isn't just about looking good in pink. It takes lots of hard work and training! Will the ballet school's show give Fifi a chance to show the swans that flamingos CAN dance? And can she help her new friend Darcy to overcome her stage fright?

Cinderella moves into the era of flapper girls and the Charleston in a new telling of this famous rags-to-riches tale. Blinded by love, Cinderella's father marries unwisely and brings home a heartless wife, and her bossy and wicked daughters, Elvira and Ermintrude. They will stop at nothing to make life miserable for Cinderella. On the day of a grand ball at the Palace, the wicked stepfamily get dressed in their finery to attend, leaving poor Cinders behind. However, Cinderella is visited by a kind fairy godmother, with exquisite fashion sense. In her beautiful beaded dress and glass slippers, Cinderella catches Prince Roderick's heart, but then on the stroke of midnight has to desert him. Will true love find a way to bring them back together again? Other titles in the series: Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel and Little Red.

One of the rats that was turned into a coachman by Cinderella's fairy godmother tells his story.

It's all ballet, all the time for Olivia—but can she find some balance? This deluxe picture book features

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embossed pages and a textured cover. When Olivia learns that her role model, Prima Ballerina Penelope Twinkletoes, “eats, drinks, and sleeps ballet,” Olivia vows to do the same. She practices the five ballet positions while setting the dinner table and even does arabesques while taking Baby William for a walk in the stroller. In fact, Olivia is so busy thinking about ballet that she misses a homework assignment and a playdate.

What’s an aspiring ballerina to do? Find a solution that is perfectly en pointe! This beautiful picture book makes a wonderful companion to OLIVIA Acts Out, OLIVIA Claus, OLIVIA Says Good Night, and OLIVIA Dances for Joy. OLIVIA™ Ian Falconer Ink Unlimited, Inc. and © 2013 Ian Falconer and Classic Media, LLC

While visiting the art museum, Katie has an adventure stepping in and out of five paintings by Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cezanne. Includes information about Post-impressionism and the particular paintings and artists in the story.

"Mole often stumbles into precarious situations, from delicately handling the first daffodil of spring to trimming his uneven whisker lengths. Luckily, he has his best friend Mouse to guide him through each scenario-even when he least expects it!"--

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