

Ballet Shoes A Puffin Book

Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves, and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria.

With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.

Pauline, was rescued from a shipwreck as a baby. She longs to be an actress. Petrova, is a Russian orphan. She is happiest when playing with cars and engines. Polly was handed over with just a pair of ballet shoes to her name. If she could, she would dance all day! But one thing they DO have in common is, that with money running out at home and Great Uncle Matthew missing, the sisters want to stay together. Whatever it takes. As they prepare for a dazzling life on stage, the dreams and fears of the fossil girls are about to come true

A beautiful gift edition of the beloved classic about two orphan sisters and their newfound love of

theater and dance. After losing their mother, Rachel and her adopted sister Hilary move in with their aunt, Cora Wintle. Cora runs a dancing school in London, and she thinks that Hilary would be perfect for her dancing troupe, Wintle's Little Wonders! The only problem is that Hilary might be as good as Cora's own precious daughter, Dulcie. Still, Cora is determined to make sulky Rachel and sprightly Hilary members of her dance troupe. But Rachel doesn't want to be a Little Wonder! She can't dance and feels silly in her the ruffly costume. Nothing seems to be going as planned, until Rachel discovers her talent for acting. . . . This classic children's book is perfect for kids who dream of being on stage, whether it be dancing or acting. And don't miss the other classic Noel Streatfeild titles, Ballet Shoes, Skating Shoes, and Theater Shoes!

An amazon.com Spring 2004 Breakout Book.AudioFile Earphones Award Winner, Oct/Nov 2004.This is the true story of how, by the thinnest thread of a chance, one moment in time changed the course of a small boy's life in ways that are beyond imagination. One day he would dance with some of the greatest ballet companies of the world. One day he would be a friend to a president and first lady, movie stars and the most influential people in America. One day he would become a star: Mao's last dancer, and the darling of the West. Here is Li Cunxin's own story, a beautiful, rich account of an

inspirational life, told with honesty, dignity and pride. €œ[A] heartening rags-to-riches story€¥ €" Publisher's Weekly€œThe listener's interest never flags €! [Paul English] imbues the narrative with ingenuousness and enthusiasm. The result is an audiobook that is superior to its source.€¥ €" AudioFile

Having lost their parents in an earthquake, Anna and her siblings live with their prim uncle and feeble aunt. Anna lives only to dance – but her uncle forbids her to have anything to do with ballet. How will she survive?

Three orphan girls. A pair of pink slippers. A lifetime in the spotlight. Read the classic that has captivated generations! Pauline, Petrova, and Posy love their quiet life together. They are orphans who have been raised as sisters, and when their new family needs money, the girls want to help. They decide to join the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training to earn their keep. Each girl works hard following her dream. Pauline is destined for the movies. Posy is a born dancer. And Petrova? She finds she'd rather be a pilot than perform a pirouette. This beautiful children's classic is perfect for girls who love to dream about ballet, friendship, and finding their own special talents. Adult readers may remember them as the "Shoes" books from You've Got Mail!

Bunheads meets The Kicks in this third novel in this entertaining middle grade series from New York Times bestselling author, dancer, model, and actress

Maddie Ziegler! Harper and her fellow Dance Starz are headed to New York City for the big national competition! Not only will they be up against their arch-rivals, the Belles, but Harper will also face off against her old dance team. Does Harper have what it takes to finally prove that she belongs on the big stage?

Join Emma in a Wiggly retelling of the classic ballet Swan Lake, as told through parallels in the story and bowtiful illustrations. Learning about Ballet and Opposites has never been so lovely.

Flour Babies by Anne Fine, won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award in 1992. When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins. To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times. Hilariously funny, Flour Babies is a brilliant depiction of secondary school life.

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 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.

Tired of being world citizens, traveling with their brother on his tours as a violin prodigy, three children plot to find a home of their own and discover careers of their own in films and ballet.

Reverend Bell and his family leave their beloved London parish for Crestel New Town, and the Bell children--Paul, Jane, Ginnie and Angus--set out to transform this unfriendly village into a close, loving community.

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Teen dance prodigy, breakout *Dance Moms* star, and judge on *So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation* presents her uplifting coming-of-age memoir about following her dreams and working hard to achieve success in both the dance world and in life. Maddie Ziegler had hoped to become a star—she just didn't know how soon that day would come. At just eight years old, she was cast on Lifetime's hit reality show *Dance Moms* and quickly won the hearts of fans everywhere with her natural talent and determination. Soon, she was catching eyes all over—including those of pop superstar Sia, who handpicked her to star in the incredibly popular music video "Chandelier." The rest, as they say,

was history. In this inspirational memoir, Maddie explains the hard work she put into her rise to stardom and how she keeps her balance along the way—starring in music videos, going on tour, and becoming an actress in *The Book of Henry* with Naomi Watts and Jacob Tremblay. She also answers her fans' burning questions with wise advice she's learned on her journey. With honesty, charm, and humor, Maddie offers her unique perspective on making her way in the world as a young teenager, reflecting on the lessons she's learned—and preparing for the exciting road ahead. For the first time ever in the United States, the "Shoes" books are available as ebooks! Travel with the circus in Noel Streatfeild's beloved classic. Peter and Santa are orphans. They know they have an uncle, Gus, who travels with the circus, so they decide to run away to find him. And soon the traveling circus becomes their home! See the circus--the liberty horses, sea lions, dogs, and elephants--through the eyes of this young brother and sister in this classic story! Noel Streatfeild's "Shoes" books are some of the most popular of the thirty-eight books she wrote for children. Discover some fascinating trivia in this compilation of 1000 fun facts from the worlds of science, literature, history, entertainment and more. This book reveals facts you may never have heard of before such as: which is the most 'stolen' book in the world, how

can one marry a dead person, and how did the word 'dude' originate?

Bunheads meets The Kicks in this second novel in a middle grade trilogy from New York Times bestselling author, dancer, model, and actress Maddie Ziegler! After a successful first competition, twelve-year-old Harper is eager to keep on making her mark in Dance Starz. But lately, she's having a bit of "dancer's block." In her one-on-one with her teacher, Harper is reminded that dancing isn't just about the spins and leaps; it's about the emotion and passion for dancing, too. And lately, she hasn't felt that Harper has been living up to her usual standards. Vanessa will be choosing the first soloist to compete at the next competition for the team, and suggests to Harper that she find a way to figure out how to get that mojo back. Thanks to a chance conversation, Harper joins the school musical. Not only is this an opportunity to polish up her stage presence, but as the newbie at school, Harper is excited to make some more friends. But some of the teammates are not thrilled that Harper is doing something besides the dance team. Plus, their biggest rivals, the Belles, are looking to go toe-to-toe with them in the upcoming competition—and both teams have something to prove. Harper realizes that the musical, dance team, and school might be a little much. Can she figure out how to find her balance—on-stage and off?

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Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true! From the number one author for animal magic comes this wonderful new edition of a much-loved classic.

"If you pass your inter-silver, I'll tell Aunt Claudia that I don't want to work with you any more." Harriet is told that she must take up ice-skating in order to improve her health. She isn't much good at it, until she meets Lalla Moore, a young skating star. Now Harriet is getting better and better on the ice, and Lalla doesn't like it. Does Harriet want to save their friendship more than she wants to skate?

A thrilling, classic children's adventure with a courageous heroine, from the beloved author of Ballet Shoes.

A class of aspiring young ballerinas journeys from first lessons to their entry into a full-time ballet school before progressing to rehearsals and a brilliant debut under the spotlight, in an interactive story that features lift-flaps, a spinning wheel and a ballet certificate.

Seventy-three extracts from books published between 1902 and 1989 for children ages eight to fourteen reflect the best writing from England, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Includes biographical notes on all the authors.

From surviving a plane crash in the jungle to striking against climate change, you won't believe the incredible stories of the challenges these brave kids from around the world have overcome! Rise Up: Ordinary Kids in Extraordinary Stories features 29 tales of amazing young girls and boys who have achieved the unimaginable. The stories range from triumphing over illness and injury to overcoming bullying.

Entries include Sweden's Greta Thunberg, whose youth climate activism sparked a global movement, and Pakistan's Ayesha Farooq, who became Pakistan's first female fighter

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pilot at age 25. Each incredible story is narrated in an exciting and engaging style, and is combined with visually stunning illustrations by Amy Blackwell. Children can lose themselves in the remarkable true-life tales of ingenuity, courage, and commitment. Practical tips and skills accompany each story, from how to tie useful knots to send coded messages, and how to be more environmentally green to how to survive a shark attack. This useful information provides a springboard for children to apply this knowledge in their own lives. These empowering stories show that no matter who you are, how old you are, and what you do, you can rise to the challenge. Determination meets dance in this middle grade adaptation of the New York Times bestselling memoir by the first African-American principal dancer in American Ballet Theatre history, Misty Copeland. As the first African-American principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, Misty Copeland has been breaking down all kinds of barriers in the world of dance. But when she first started dancing—at the late age of thirteen—no one would have guessed the shy, underprivileged girl would one day make history in her field. Her road to excellence was not easy—a chaotic home life, with several siblings and a single mother, was a stark contrast to the control and comfort she found on stage. And when her home life and incredible dance promise begin to clash, Misty had to learn to stand up for herself and navigate a complex relationship with her mother, while pursuing her ballet dreams. *Life in Motion* is a story for all the kids who dare to be different, dream bigger, and want to break stereotypes in whatever they do.

Lili loves to dance, and dreams of becoming a ballerina. In her ballet class she does stretches, works at the barre, and learns the five classical dance positions that are the basics for the roles she may dance when she is older. Enhanced by delicate watercolor illustrations, this lovely book is the perfect

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introduction for boys and girls who want to learn more about ballet. Full color.

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, friendship, dedication, and hard work, children everywhere will be inspired to reach for their dreams in Misty's exciting new picture book series, *Bunheads*.

Rabbit has a problem--someone is inside her house and won't let her in.

Inspired by the much-loved classic *Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfeild, *Into the Spotlight* is a magical new story from bestselling author and acclaimed performer Carrie Hope Fletcher. Brilliant Aunt Maude visits seaside the world over and has become quite the pebble collector. Pebbles of all shapes, sizes and colours and even one that looked a bit like Elvis Presley if you squinted a bit. Her favourite pebbles, however, are Marigold, Mabel and Morris. One by one, and by strange and unusual ways, each child arrives at the stage door of Brilliant Aunt Maude's theatre in the heart of London, home to an extraordinary cast of performers. There's Dante the miraculous magician, Petunia the storyteller and seventy-year-old contortionists - the Fortune Sisters! But ticket sales are dwindling and the curtains might have to close - for the final time. Until one day, as the Pebbles are exploring the many nooks and crannies of the theatre, they stumble upon something they were never meant to find . . . something that

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just might save the theatre after all . . .

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'Never forget, Charlotte, you were born to be a dancer . . .

Never forget. Promise.' Before her ballet teacher died, Lottie promised Madame Holbein to be the dancer her mother never lived to become. Orphaned at birth, Lottie has been brought up by her aunt, and though she is loved, she is lonely. Then she finds Prince, a spaniel puppy, and discovers a love and loyalty that is boundless. When Lottie passes the tough audition for Queen's Chase, Her Majesty's Junior Ballet School, everybody is thrilled - except, surprisingly, Lottie. She will have to board at school, and what will happen to her beloved dog? To choose between the two is breaking her heart.

Ballet Shoes is the much loved classic by Noel Streatfeild that continues to delight readers today. Pauline, Petrova and Posy Fossil are sisters - with a difference. All three were adopted as babies by Great Uncle Matthew, an eccentric and rich explorer who then disappeared, leaving them in the care of his niece Sylvia. The girls grow up in comfort until their money begins to run out and nobody can find Great Uncle Matthew. Things look bleak until they hit on an inspired idea: Pauline, Petrova and Posy will take to the stage. But it's not long before the Fossils learn that being a star isn't as easy as they first thought... Noel Streatfeild once said that Ballet Shoes was 'really a fairy story with its feet half-way on the ground' - a magical description for a magical book. In the same series Theatre Shoes Tennis Shoes Circus Shoes Party Shoes

For the first time ever in the United States, the "Shoes" books are available as ebooks! Go behind the scenes of a movie in this beloved classic! Life is tough for the Winter family in London, with little money and Dad out of work. Luckily, Aunt Cora comes to the rescue with an invitation to live in

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California. From that moment on, talented Rachel and Tim dream of stardom in America. The family couldn't be more surprised when a movie producer picks plain, peevish Jane for the lead role of Mary in *The Secret Garden*. No one's ever noticed Jane before. Could this be the chance of a lifetime? Noel Streatfeild's "Shoes" books are some of the most popular of the thirty-eight books she wrote for children. A beautiful gift edition of the beloved classic about three orphan siblings and their love of music, theater, and dance. When orphans Sorrel, Mark, and Holly are sent to live with their grandmother, a famous English actress, she enrolls them in the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training, the same Academy that made the orphans from *Ballet Shoes* famous so long ago. It's the chance of a lifetime, but the Academy won't give the children the "proper" education their parents would have wanted. However, the children learn to love the Academy when they find out that Sorrel has dramatic flair, Mark can sing, and Holly charms everyone with her adorable impish ways. Maybe talent does run in the family. This classic children's book is perfect for kids who dream of being on stage--dancing, singing, or acting. Don't miss the other classic Noel Streatfeild books, *Ballet Shoes*, *Skating Shoes*, and *Dancing Shoes*! So your brother's a world-famous violinist? That's amazing! Or is it? The Forums are a musical family, and one child, Sebastian, shines out as a prodigy. He is a brilliant violinist and when his talent is recognised, he is wanted the world over. Myra, Wolfgang (named after Mozart) and Ettie thought it was wonderful at first, but after four years of touring the world with their brilliant brother they've changed their minds. Now, what they long for, is a home of their own, not a hotel in Vienna or Venice or Moscow. But to their mother and father, a life of travel is exciting - all any child could want. How can the children make the grown-ups see sense? Myra makes a

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plan - 'Operation Home' - and is determined to make it succeed.

Picture a gorgeous English country house, surrounded by manicured lawns and sprawling oak trees. This is Levet, where the Laurence family have lived since the 18th century. Once full of children and excitement, the only Laurences left at Levet now are former actress Sara and her very upper class mother-in-law Lydia. That is until the Second World War erupts and Mrs. Vilder arrives with her three children after being evacuated from their home . . . Carnegie Medal winning author Noel Streatfeild fills Levet with authentic families facing undeniable tragedy in this heart-warming wartime novel, *The Winter is Past*.

A perfect companion to *Ballet Shoes*, *Circus Shoes*, *Theatre Shoes* and *Tennis Shoes*, this family war-time story was first published in 1946, reissued now in *A Puffin Book*. There's great excitement when an unexpected parcel arrives for Selina. A beautiful long evening-dress and shiny satin party shoes - the best present a girl could ever wish for! She can hardly wait for a special occasion to wear them, but there's still a war on and all the grown-ups are far too busy to arrange a party. So Selina and her cousins decide to organize a pageant with acting, singing, dancing and dressing-up. Will Selina find the perfect role in which to put on her amazing new clothes?

Poppy loves ballet and is sure she'll be picked to play *Coppelia* in the Big Show. But when her best friend Honey gets the part, Poppy is so cross that she doesn't even want to be friends anymore! Will Poppy realize how important friendship is in time to be a true ballerina princess on the night of the show?

Reissued in 'A Puffin Book' series of best-loved children's classics, this is a sharp and funny story that follows in the footsteps of *Ballet Shoes*, *Theatre Shoes*, *Circus Shoes* and

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Party Shoes by Noel Streatfeild. In TENNIS SHOES the Heath children area found to have tennis in their blood. Their grandfather and father before them had been top players, and the twins are champion material. Then Nicky - cheeky, rebellious Nicky - starts to practise in secret, but talented at tennis as she is, the ambitious Nicky first has battles to win with herself - on and off the tennis court.

Collects and illustrates the nonsensical verses of Ogden Nash, Spike Milligan, Roald Dahl, Lewis Carroll, and others

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