



Books about Dance for Older Readers

A Princeton Public Library Booklist 

We Danced in Bloomsbury Square

By Jean Estoril

Twin sisters face the possibility of separation when they discover only one scholarship is available at the London ballet school where they want to study.

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Samantha on Stage

By Susan Clement Farrar

Eleven-year-old Samantha has always been the best in her ballet class, but when she sees the new Russian girl dance she begins to wonder who will get the coveted lead in the school's production of the Nutcracker ballet.

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A Glass Slipper for Rosie

By Patricia Reilly Giff

Rosie plans to surprise her grandfather on his birthday by getting her dance class to perform "Cinderella," his favorite ballet.

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Clair-de-Lune

By Cassandra Golds

A talking mouse takes a talented young ballet dancer to an enchanted world where she explores, with the help of a kind monk, why she cannot speak.

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Seventh Grade Tango

By Elizabeth Levy

The day that ballroom dancing invades William T. Harris Middle School comes with no warning. And once the cute new dance teacher, Mr. DePalma, sweeps into Rebecca's life, being able to dance becomes one of her biggest priorities. Paired with her friend Scott, whose toe she'd accidentally broken at last year's dance, Rebecca has her work cut out for her. But when her best friend Samantha decides they need to start playing kissing games with boys -- including Scott -- Samantha's tango turns into a tangle!

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Kathleen: The Celtic Knot By **Siobhán Parkinson** Twelve-year-old Dubliner Kathleen Delaney is given the chance to take Irish dancing lessons in 1937 and discovers she has a talent for it.

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I Have Another Language, the Language is Dance

By **Eleanor Schick**

A young girl expresses her joy in the act of dancing.

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Dancing Shoes

By **Noel Streatfeild**

Aunt Cora is determined to turn two orphans, perky Hilary and sullen Rachel, into members of her dance troupe. But Rachel wants to keep Hilary from being one of Wintle's Little Wonders—is it selfishness or something else? Misunderstandings and a spoiled cousin come together for a tale full of high drama.

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Dance, Kayla!

By **Darwin McBeth Walton**

When her grandmother dies, Kayla, a young African-American girl, loses the only mother she has ever known and must leave her farm life in South Carolina to go and live with an aunt and uncle in Chicago. Throughout all of the difficult times, however, Kayla clings to her dream of becoming a ballerina.

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The Amah

By **Laurence Yep**

Amy misses ballet practice when her mother becomes an amah (nanny) for Miss Stephanie. Can she find a way to watch her brothers and sisters and still keep her role in the dance production? This story emphasizes responsibility and independence.

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Stories from the Classical Ballet

By **Belinda Hollyer; with an introduction and performance notes by Irina Baronova**

Retells the stories of eight ballets that children might see performed, including *Coppelia*, *Giselle*, *The Firebird*, *The Nutcracker*, and *Swan Lake*.

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To Dance: A Memoir

By **Siena Cherson Siegel**

Dancers are young when they first dream of dance. Siena was six -- and her dreams kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, to her debut performance on stage with the New York City Ballet. Twirl along with Siena as she shares her story in words with pictures by acclaimed illustrator Mark Siegel.

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