



Title: Boys Dance!

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BOOK RESUME: BOYS DANCE!

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Boys who love to dance are center stage in this encouraging, positive, rhyming picture book about guys who love to pirouette, jeté, and plié. Created in partnership with the American Ballet Theatre and with the input of their company's male dancers, here is a book that shows ballet is for everyone. Written by the acclaimed author of *A Is for Audra: Broadway's Leading Ladies from A to Z*, this book subtly seeks to address the prejudice toward boys and ballet by showing the skill, hard work, strength, and smarts it takes to be a dancer. Fun and buoyant illustrations show boys of a variety of ages and ethnicities, making this the ideal book for any boy who loves dance. An afterword with photos and interviews with some of ABT's male dancers completes this empowering and joyful picture book.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Highly recommended for young boys who love to dance."—*Booklist*

"Boys Dance! gives boys who love ballet a chance to feel seen."—HuffPost.com

"A happy and spirited view of dance in the studio, onstage, and in everyday life. . . Children of all genders who are drawn to dance will appreciate the positive reinforcement. Boys and ballet—a happy and upbeat combo."—*Kirkus*

"A love letter to boys who dance ballet, as well as a love letter to the talented men who have paved the way. . . There's a palpable sense of joy as well as a personal touch that permeates through this picture book's pages. "
—Fatherly.com

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Nominee Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award
- Selection Wisconsin WSRA Picture This! List

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