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BOOK RESUME: TEO'S TUTU

BOOK SYNOPSIS

This story of a boy's first ballet recital celebrates gender-creativity, the joy of dance, and being yourself

Téo loves to dance, whether it's the cumbia with Papí, the bhangra with Amma, or ballet class with Miss Lila. He also loves the way his tutu makes him feel, inside and out. But when it comes time to decide which outfit to wear in the big dance recital—a sparkly tutu or shimmering silver pants—Téo wonders if being his most authentic self on stage will put him too much in the spotlight.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “This lyrical book bursts with sincerity without ever feeling preachy or forced...A gender-affirming picture book with a lovable, indomitable star.”
—*Kirkus*, starred review

“Written with poise and grace, Macias’s gentle story is filled with warmth from the joys of self-expression and calm assurance found in loving support.”
—*School Library Journal*

“Macias's gentle story features a winning gender-nonconforming, biracial protagonist and his supportive adults (parents, teacher); Marley's lively illustrations acknowledge Téo's nervousness about being judged and celebrate his joy and bravery when he's true to himself.” —*Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- An ALA Rainbow Booklist selection
- An NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](https://www.teachingbooks.net/resources)

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