



***Leopold's Leotard* by Rhiannon Wallace**

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*Age Range: 3 to 5

Grade Range: Preschool to Kindergarten

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Leopold loves to dance!

He dances everywhere he goes. When his dance teacher announces the year-end recital, Leopold hopes he will get to be a graceful bird. Alas, no such luck. Miss Linda says the dancers are going to be bees. But Leopold doesn't want to be a buzzing little bee. He wants to be tall and elegant like an ostrich! When the big night comes around, the combination of stage fright and an uncomfortable costume are too much for Leopold. Will he find a way to overcome his fear and disappointment to show off his passion for dance?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“A most unusual and revealing dance recital for little performers.” —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

“A jocose picture book honoring—and rewarding—the free spirits of children.” —[School Library Journal](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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