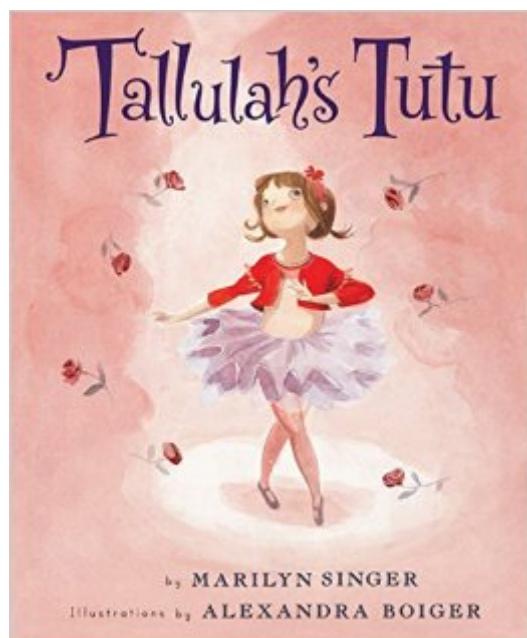


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# Tallulah's Tutu



## **Synopsis**

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.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Both of my daughters (ages 4 and 7) love this book, and so do I. The story and the illustrations beautifully convey both the imagination and emotional life of young girls. Tallulah imagines that she will become a ballerina in just a few dance classes, envisioning the gorgeous tutu that she will wear. When she discovers it is a long process involving practice and patience, she has a tantrum and refuses to go back to dance class. But Tallulah's love of dance just can't be denied--she sees dance everywhere and can't stop herself from performing dance steps. Her return to dance class is, hands down, the sweetest page in the book. Tallulah's vision of herself as a ballerina appears as a cloud in the sky, and Tallulah thinks to herself, "I WILL get my tutu...someday." A beautiful book!

By the look of the cover it might appear this is a book for little girls. But it was just as appealing to the boy students when I read it because of the universal message. This is a great story about learning and understanding patience. It's also about having to put in hard work to earn something. For Tallulah, she must practice ballet and work for her tutu even though she thinks she deserves it NOW. We live in a society where a lot of kids want and sometimes even demand immediate rewards. It was refreshing to talk about how we shouldn't focus on what we get but what we are gaining on the inside from being dedicated and committed to something. Reading books about patience is a great way to familiarize children with this value.

I know Tallulah's supposed to be adorable, precocious, etc., but to our family she comes off a little spoiled, superior, and judgmental. Now, I do know she's getting a lesson in patience and perseverance and I applaud that... but I just don't want my daughter emulating her behavior with others. When I read the book with my daughter for the first time she disappointedly asked me, "Can't boys dance ballet and wear tutus, Mama?" She always says she feels bad for the boy, and she and I both picked up on the Tallulah's teasing tone. It's the same teasing, judgmental behavior she engages in toward the end of the book when another little girl dances in her tutu for Tallulah - she reacts with disdain as if the other girl is inferior in her skills. I am fine with her frustration at not getting the tutu as fast as she expects - but the meanness toward other children - I really don't want my little girl treating other kids like that (judging, making unfavorable comparisons, etc.). So unfortunately we don't read this one as much as other books in our collection. Frankly, if Tallulah were my little one we'd be having some gentle discussions on how to be kind and accepting of other peoples' differences.

Marilyn Singer has hit the mark for any aspiring dancer. Her story starts at the beginning and encourages every budding artist that you can't achieve success without practice. It is engaging, delightful, and beautifully illustrated. It won't disappoint.

I bought this book, and the second book (Tallulah's Solo) for my 5 and 7 year old little ballerinas, and they loveeee them, they have become their favorite bed time stories, maybe because they love dancing so much... The stories are great, and the illustrations are lovable!!! We can't wait for more of Tallulah's stories to be published!!!!

My daughter loves this story! The pictures are beautifully drawn/painted and the text interacts with the pictures in an interesting way that is different from many picture books. The only thing you might want to watch out for are the french ballet terms in the book that may be hard to pronounce if you aren't familiar with them already.

I received this book as a gift for my 2 girls, ages 3 1/2 and 5 years old. They both love it and it has become a favorite bed time story. Both the pictures and story are wonderful! I would highly recommend it for anyone with little dancers, or little want to be dancers.

She even asked for it for her birthday. She has had dance for a year and a half. She was so excited to discover a book with lots of real dance terms and yet a sweet story. Even our seven year old son appreciated the lesson of perseverance. We've ordered the hardback and are so excited to give it to her on her birthday. Looking forward to reading the others, too.

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