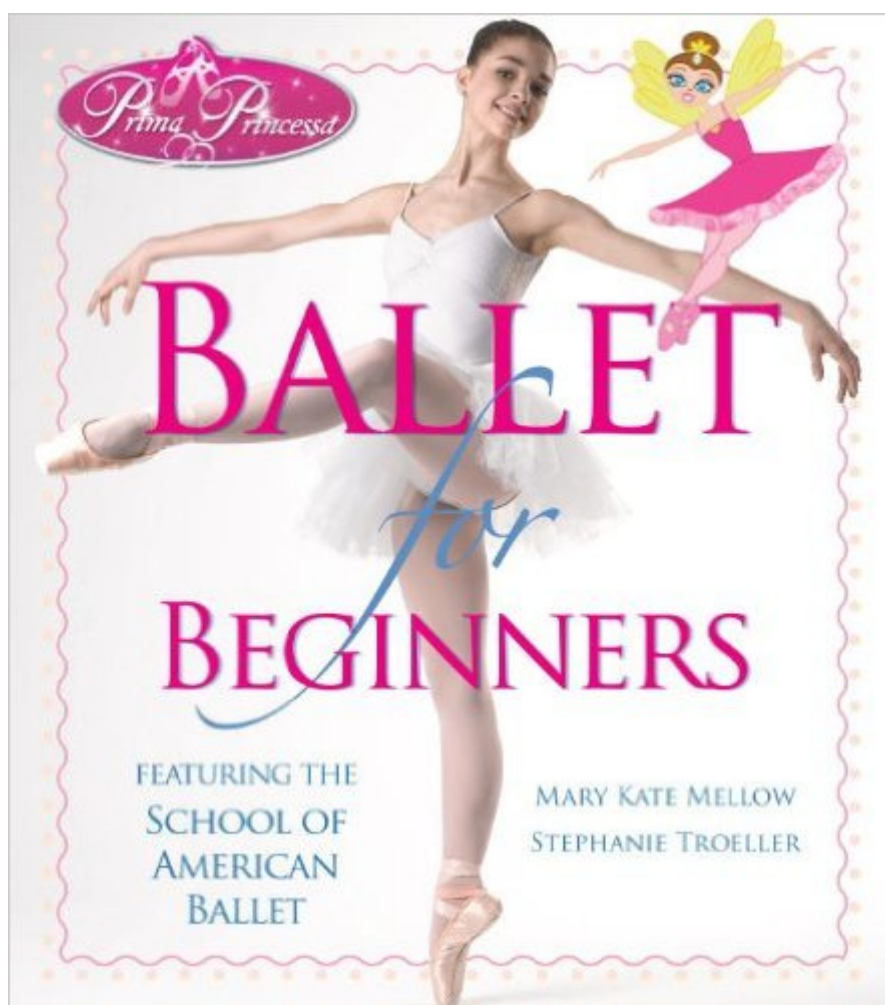


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# Prima Princessa Ballet For Beginners



## Synopsis

Prima Princessa invites budding ballerinas to explore the wonderful world of ballet! Is there any more enticing figure than the ballerina? Dressed in a fluffy tutu, wearing her pink pointe shoes, and dancing so gracefully, she's what every little girl longs to be. But what does it take to make that fantasy come true? Thanks to the charming, illustrated Prima Princessa, would-be ballerinas will enjoy a privileged peek into the dancer's world. The fairy-like Princessa ushers readers into New York City's famous School of American Ballet (SAB) in Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts--the finest dance academy in the U.S. and the starting point for most of the New York City Ballet's ballerinas. Through stunning photography, they'll enter SAB's classrooms and get an intimate look at how elite dancers train. The visit begins in a pre-ballet class, moves to SAB's Children's Ballet Division (11-year-olds), and finally arrives at the near-professional Advanced Ballet classes (16-year-olds). Along the way, newcomers to ballet will learn about the school's dress code; see close-up images of young students demonstrating all the basic positions; and find out what goes into performing each step. Just like a real dance class, the book opens with a barre--where dancers warm up--and then shifts to the center, where ballerinas can show off their balance, perform combinations, and eventually practice partnering. (There's also a glimpse at boy's class, too!) The on-the-page performance is absolutely inspiring, with every dancer in perfect, elegant form: all the photos and instructions have been checked by the teachers at SAB for accuracy. And most exciting of all is watching a girl get ready to go on stage for a dress rehearsal, applying her makeup, straightening her costume, and making sure every hair is in place. It's the stuff of which dreams are made, and the finest children's introduction to ballet ever published!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 3

## Customer Reviews

My daughter and I have had so much fun with this wonderful ballet book! She is currently in a creative movement class (she's 4) and of course dreams of being a ballerina! She loves looking at the pictures and practicing the positions. Prima Princessa takes you through the magical journey of becoming a ballerina. You learn about beginning and advanced ballet classes, all of the basic positions, leaps, turns and poses, and then how these are choreographed into dance. The photographs are lovely and the descriptions are very thorough and easy to understand. It's the sort of book she will love for years to come!

This book is the perfect book for any beginning dancers. It is full of pictures, descriptions, definitions, and more. It is fun to look at and fun to learn from. For more of my thoughts go to: [...]. Thanks for a wonderful book! Should be required for every beginning dance class.

While my girls are not ballet dancers (at least not yet), they did love the Prima Princess DVD that I reviewed before, so I thought that this book would be a great addition to the growing dance collection that the Divadom was collecting. In reading the book to my girls I was impressed with the number of great resources within the book. As mentioned above the book is a treasure trove of images and easy to understand information on EVERYTHING ballet. I would easily say that this book would be a great gift and resource for any aspiring ballet dancer!

This is a beautifully put-together introduction to ballet, with a layout and content that will appeal to a fairly wide age range. My daughter, who is three loves it, though she doesn't understand much of the more in-depth explanations. She just jumps up and starts trying to do what she sees in the pictures. For older children, the dancers from the School of American Ballet are inspiring models. The photography is great.

I purchased two different used ballet books for my beginner. Both came quickly and it great

condition. She loves them both equally and uses them both to practice her moves daily.

This book is a great inspiration for my granddaughter, who is beginning her ballet training at 7 years old. The book is well illustrated and great information.

Fun book. Lots of great pictures and instructions. My daughter loves the Prima Princessa DVDs, and this book compliments them perfectly.

This is a very good for children who are beginners. My niece, she enjoys it a lot was work the purchase.

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