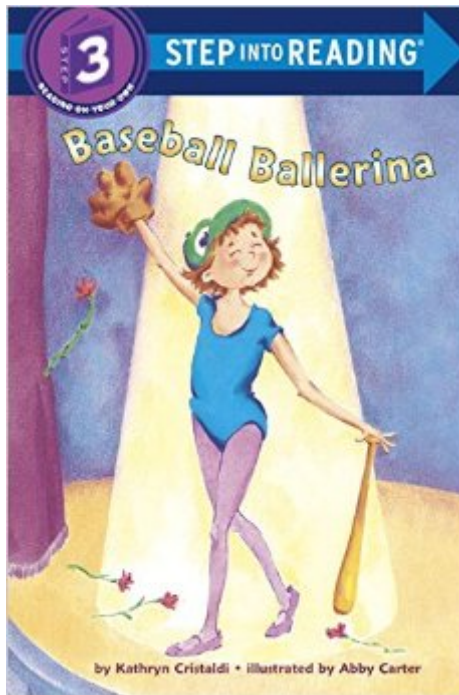


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Baseball Ballerina (Step Into Reading, Step 3)



Synopsis

Illus. in full color. A shortstop in a tutu? Not if she can help it! Forced by her mother into taking ballet lessons, a die-hard tomboy discovers that there's team spirit at the barre as well as on the baseball diamond.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Are there really still mothers who insist their daughters wear pink and force them to do ballet? I bought this thinking it might celebrate girls who enjoy doing both team sports AND dance (like so many girls I know DO), but this presents it as an either/or choice. It's great to encourage girls to do the team sports, but is it really necessary to tear down the other pursuit? My 6 year-old daughter was very disappointed. Baseball Ballerina Strikes Out is a better choice, though it doesn't really deal with dance, but the conflict is about handling teasing. We won't be re-reading it.

I bought this book for my 5-year-old niece because this is her first season of T-ball. She had also taken dance lessons the year before, so I thought it would cute to read about 2 activities that she was familiar with. I only gave this book 3 stars because I didn't like the way the 2 girls were forced to

keep playing baseball a secret from their other friends. There are at least 4 girls on her T-ball team, so obviously lots of young girls play baseball. I don't see any reason why girls can't do both things, and I don't like the message that sends.

I know a ballet teacher. In her school she has a collection of kids' ballet books. I gave her "Baseball Ballerina" for her collection, but after reading it, she rejected it for these two reasons- 1: She didn't like Madame Maxine, the mean teacher."She might give little kids the impression that all ballet teachers are strict and mean, this would scare off children from taking ballet, and 2: It goes against what I believe. I'm totally against children being forced to take ballet against their will!" Also, it seemed to me that the mother is forcing her little girl to do something she probably wouldn't be forcing a little boy to do. When Maxine announces there will be a recital, the girl doesn't want to be in it, but dances in it anyway. Apparently she fears if she refuses to dance in it she'll be punished. But if she had just told Maxine she didn't want to dance in the recital, Maxine probably would have said, "Okay." because the last thing in the world a dance teacher wants to do is force a kid to go on stage against her will!

I think this book is fantastic. When I read it the first time, I kept on reading it over, and over. I loved it. It is a great book for beginners and anyone!!! You should read it and see for yourself!!!

As a father of a young girl I find this book so frustrating. Within the first 5 pages, the mother tells the girl that she is not girly enough, that she needs to wear more pink, and takes her from something that she enjoys and is good at (baseball, she is even the shortstop) and put her in an unfamiliar situation (ballet). Two girls join ballet, the good blond girl starts to enjoy dance and becomes the prima ballerina in the recital wearing a crown prancing around as a queen. Also it is so stupid that her baseball team goes to the recital. Because recitals cost money and are incredibly long and boring when your own child is not dancing. There is no way 8 pre-teens are going to sit happily through hours of ballet, jazz, tap dancing. There is no payoff, the mother never learns that her ideas of what are "girl" things is outdated and harmful and stupid.

The girl in this story plays baseball AND she is a ballerina. One of her friends from baseball is at the ballet place and sees her. They make a deal to keep ballet a secret. I like this book because now I know not to change who you are...Patsy L.

My daughter loves her dance classes, but she also likes to play rough and tough with her four brothers! Baseball Ballerina is a fun story that shows a girl it's okay to enjoy it all! An easy read for bedtime or anytime. We are looking forward to Baseball Ballerina Strikes Out!

This was one of my favorite books as a child. I'm so glad I was able to purchase it and share it with my children!

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