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# The Story Of The Nutcracker Ballet (A Random House Pictureback)



## Synopsis

Relates the story of the popular ballet, in which a little girl travels with the Nutcracker Prince to the Land of Sweets.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Illus. in full color. The magic of the beloved ballet is captured in this affordable edition. Art by a Caldecott Honor Book artist complements a succinct narration that is ideal for young children. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As a child, Diane Goode loved books and art. Of Italian and French descent, she enjoyed the richness of both cultures and traveled to Europe every summer visiting family, as well as cathedrals and museums. Her love for Europe shows in the setting of many of her books, Paris in particular, where two of her picture books, *Where's Our Mama?* and *Mama's Perfect Present*, take place. She drew on her experience of living for a short time in Pennsylvania for the artwork in Cynthia Rylant's story of Appalachia, *When I Was Young in the Mountains*, for which she was awarded a Caldecott Honor Medal. She has illustrated 59 books for children, including anthologies and stories she has written herself. Goode lives in Watchung, New Jersey. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A charming re-telling of The Nutcracker, drawn for about 4 to 5 year olds. It holds attention well, is close enough to many versions of the ballet to be a link to performances. The colors are particularly eye-catching and attractive. Maria (Clara) is definitely the center of this version, and she is portrayed as a sweet, adorable little girl in pink sashes, with a tender heart and considerable courage when faced by the Mouse King. A fine gift for a little girl at Christmas time and enjoyable too by older lasses throughout the year. Might be fun if accompanied by a good version of the music. No user alerts!

love this book I gave it to my granddaughter and was pretty pleased

Great little book, purchased with the nutcracker CD. Great to listen in the background while you read the story.

I ordered this item based on the photo of the newer-looking cover (because, let's face it - kids DO judge a book by its cover!) and that is NOT what I received. I even ordered the paperback version because that's what showed the above particular photo, as opposed to the hardback. NOT happy with product representation.

We bought this book for our 3 year old daughter in preparation for taking her to see the ballet in person. The illustrations are great, physical quality is good, and story telling is engrossing. Would buy again.

My 2 year old loves the Nutcracker. I was able to paraphrase the story to help her understand the story. I think we will read this book for many years!

My great nephew was entranced with a live production of this ballent, and I bought this book and a cd of the musical score for him to extend his pleasure. He absolutely loves to listen to the music while looking at the illustrations, and asks to bring the book and the music along on car rides. Children who can read at a third or fourth grade level should be able to read the text independently. The illustrations are a colorful reminder of the costumes and choreography.

My son loved this story, we read it a few times prior to going to see the ballet for the first time (he is 5) and he got engaged and was able later to follow the story while watching the real play.

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