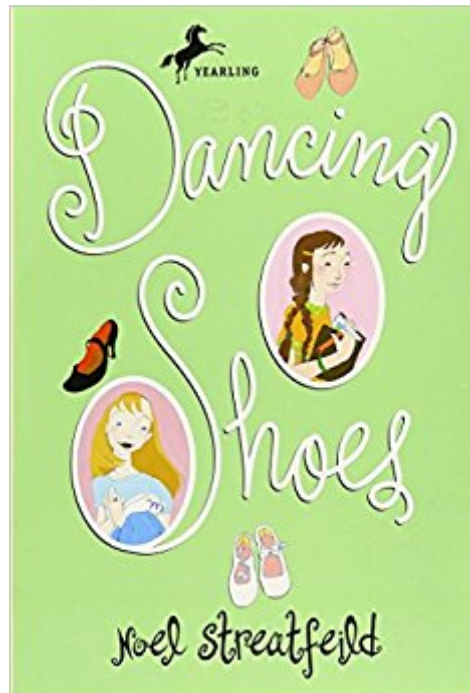




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# Dancing Shoes (The Shoe Books)



## Synopsis

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

DANCING SHOES is still very readable, and will be a nostalgic trip down memory lane for mums and grannies as well as a treat for today's young dancers. \* Dance Expression, July 2003 \* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I bought this copy of Dancing Shoes as a replacement for a copy I had read to pieces (paperbacked books for children are not, for some reason, made to last a lifetime). I have loved Ms. Streatfield's books since I first encountered Ballet Shoes when I was 10 years old. It is true that every one of her books follows the same plot -- a number of related children working toward careers: one is competent and achieves expected success, one is ordinary, and one is an unexpected and unlooked for genius (after spending most of the book as the one whom no one believes will amount to anything.) The setting for Dancing Shoes is a school for children trained to dance in troupes on the stage, where two adopted sisters are taken to live with their Aunt who runs the place, and her obnoxious, spoiled daughter who gets a satisfying and hefty face plant at the end that even at 10 years old I thought "Serves her right." A good book from another era, starring normal children; no vampires, no aliens, no anorexia, divorce, murder or horror.

Not her best, but happy to read her again as some of her books have been unavailable since I first loved them as a child. I am gifting them to my great nieces. I am VERY disappointed in the quality of the books themselves. I see no purpose in putting the cheapest paper in small print under the hard covers of a book. These will not hold up as the treasured books I was hoping to give.

What great books Mr, Streatfeild created. Shows morals, manners , respect for others, as well as tell such interesting stories. My 13 year old granddaughter has been devouring them, and she does not enjoy reading. She sure became excited over these books.

Came right away! Can't wait to read it to my grandkids!!!

My kids are naming my next granddaughter Patrova. Idea from this book!

Dancing Shoes is a similar formula compared to Streatfeild's other books. After Rachel and Hilary's father dies, they are sent to live with their Aunt Cora, who owns a talent school and troupe. While Hilary is a very talented dancer, she wants nothing more than to have fun. Her sister, Rachel wants nothing to do with dancing, but she does want Hilary to go to the Royal Ballet School to study proper ballet, as her family and old dance teacher wished for, even though Hilary doesn't want to. So everyone, including their mean and selfish Aunt Cora, believe that Rachel is jealous of Hilary. Meanwhile, Aunt Cora's talented, and conceited, daughter now has competition with Hilary. The book is full of the same charm as her others. While not as endearing as Ballet Shoes and Theater

Shoes, maybe only due to the nastiness of Aunt Cora and how mean she is to Rachel, it is still a wonderful read. Any fans of Streatfeild's other books will surely love this book as well.

Sent by my Mom to her Great Granddaughter for Christmas, this was one of 3 sent. The child in question is 5 years old and reading but prefers her Daddy read to her at night, every night which he does without missing a beat. A man of few words my Nephew merely said she liked the stories. Since she has requested more in the series, they must have been a hit with my Great Niece!

Bought this book along with three others for my granddaughter for Christmas. Hope she likes them!!

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