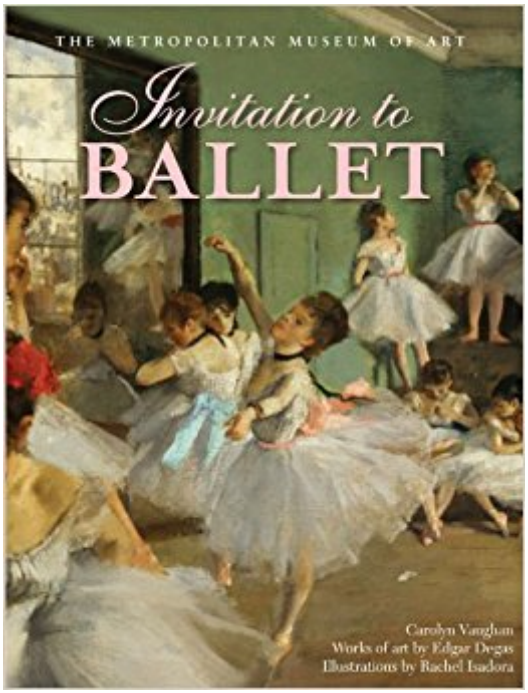
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Synopsis

In this invitation to ballet, young readers learn all about what happens in ballet class. Works of art by French impressionist Edgar Degas bring the ballet vividly to life, while illustrations by Rachel Isadora picture modern-day girls and boys practicing ballet positions and steps. Complete with a brief history of ballet and a biography of Edgar Degas, Invitation to Ballet is sure to delight every child who dreams of one day becoming a world-class dancer.Praise for Invitation to Ballet"The real treat is seeing IsadoraÃ¢â ¬â„¢s picture-book portraits of students juxtaposed with the ethereal works of Edgar Degas, the 19th-century master of ballet painting."Ã¢â ¬â •New York Times"This beautifully illustrated volume offers young dancers an introduction to ballet. IsadoraÃ¢â ¬â„¢s pencil-and-watercolor illustrations give the book enormous child appeal while visually defining the terms for positions and movements students will learn in class. A captivating invitation to the beauty of ballet."Ã¢â ¬â •Booklist"This beautifully illustrated book is an introduction to ballet enhanced by the accompanying paintings of Edgar Degas."Ã¢â ¬â •Reading Today Online

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Gr 2-6-This glimpse into the world of ballet delicately balances pertinent information and the visual magic of art form. Isadora's graceful, contemporary illustrations depict young people demonstrating the movements that are the language and foundation of ballet. To capture its timelessness, the

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I bought this for my 7 year old granddaughter as she is taking ballet. As I read it to her she demonstrated the steps in the pictures and told me what the French terms meant and showed them to me. I'm sure she will enjoy the book more when she is able to read it herself. The text is more for an adult to tead to a child this young. It was a great gift for a budding ballerina.

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