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### Belinda the Ballerina

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Young, Amy. *Belinda the Ballerina*. Illustrated by Amy Young. Viking, 2002. ISBN 0670035491. \$15.99. Unpaginated.

Reviewer: Margaret Manchak

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary;

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Humorous stories;

Subject: Dance--Juvenile fiction; Ballet--Juvenile fiction;

Belinda loves to dance, but she gives up her dream because of a problem. Or, as Amy Young writes, two problems: her left foot and her right foot. They're huge, so Belinda settles for waitressing. Unexpectedly, Belinda finds a way to do what she loves in a happy ending.

As Amy Young is both author and illustrator, her stronger suit is clearly drawing. The illustrations are wonderful and they carry the text through to a fun and satisfying conclusion.