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Book Review

Title: Fancy Nancy and the Wedding of the Century

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Publisher: HarperCollins

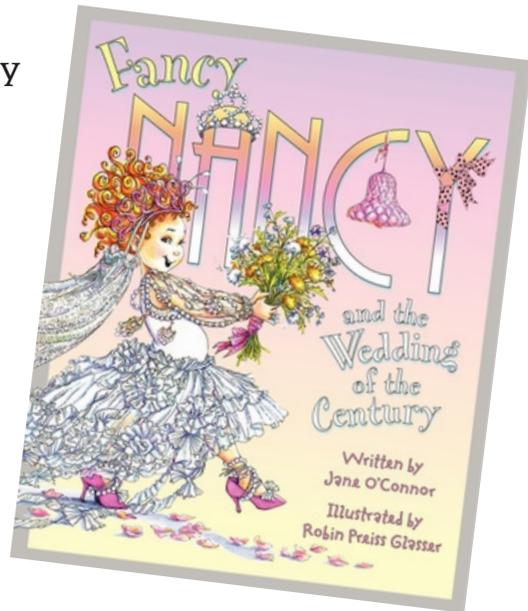
Publication Year: 2014

ISBN: 9780062083203

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent



Review

Nancy loves glorious occasions and her Uncle Cal's wedding is going to be a great occasion. Dawn, Uncle Cal's fiance, has a fancy name so Nancy assumes that the wedding will also be fancy. She imagines staying in a hotel like a palace, spend time at beauty parlors, and dance at the reception. Unfortunately, the wedding is in the wilderness and Uncle Cal and Dawn don't want it to be traditional. How can it be the wedding of the century under those circumstances? Nancy manages to help add a little bit of fanciness and enjoy the wedding of the century even though things were different from what she imagined.

As in other *Fancy Nancy* books, the illustrations are a big part of the charm and add important plot details to the story. They convey Nancy's enthusiasm and disappointment at different points of the story and show the readers details about Nancy's life. The vocabulary might stretch younger readers, but the narrative have a unique voice that is distinctly Nancy's. This book can be a useful tool to talk about how even when life doesn't live up to the expectations someone might have, it can still be wonderful.