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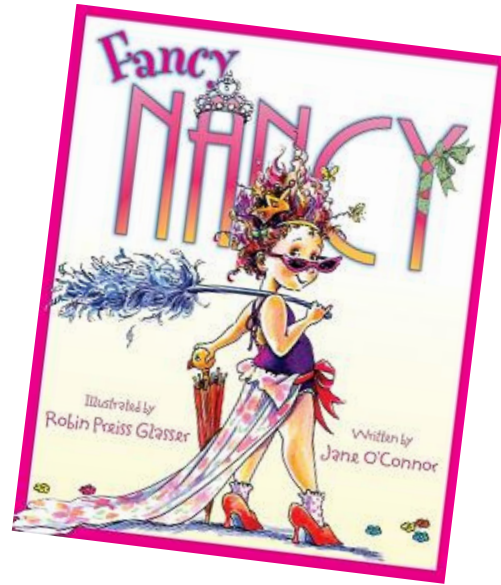
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Book Review

Title: Fancy Nancy
Author: Jane O'Connor
Illustrator: Robin Preiss Glasser
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: HarperCollins
Publication Year: 2005
ISBN: 9780060542092
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Nancy loves being fancy. She dresses in a fancy way, uses fancy words, and wants to learn French because it sounds so fancy. Unfortunately, her family is not fancy at all and her family doesn't understand how much better being fancy makes life. Then she gets a stupendous idea—she'll give lessons on being fancy! With Nancy's help and a few accessories, she and her family go out for a fancy dinner. When Nancy has an accident and doesn't feel so fancy anymore, she learns that there isn't a fancier way to say "I love you".

Told from Nancy's perspective, this book is full of pink, purple, sparkles, tiaras, and frills. Her voice describes her worldview and the illustrations add perfectly to the character and charm of this little girl. It is endearing how her family is so willing to take lessons on being fancy to support their fuchsia-loving family member, and readers can discuss how it is important to appreciate other people's interests. The first in a long line of books, *Fancy Nancy* is sure to delight girls who would like to be a little more fancy themselves.