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# Tullulah's Toe Shoes

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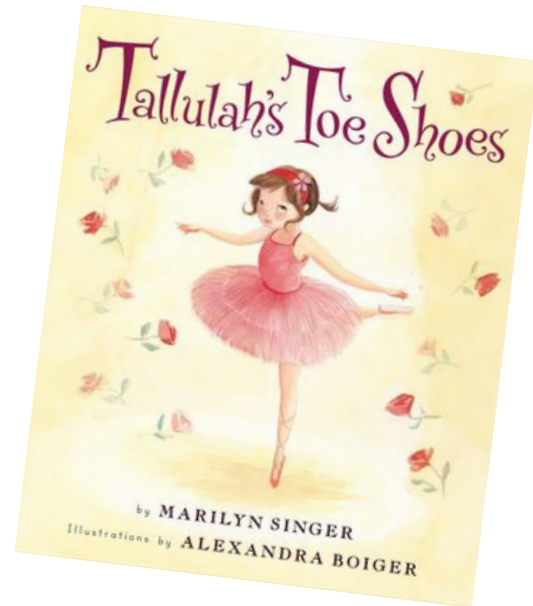
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# Book Review

**Title:** Tullulah's Toe Shoes  
**Author:** Marilyn Singer  
**Illustrator:** Alexandra Boiger  
**Reviewer:** Whitney Troxel  
**Publisher:** Clarion Books  
**Publication Year:** 2013  
**ISBN:** 9780547482231  
**Number of Pages:** 48  
**Interest Level:** Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

After watching the Lilac Fairy dance in the Sleeping Beauty ballet, Tallulah desperately wants to learn to dance on pointe—on her toes. However, Tallulah's mom and dance teacher tell her she needs to wait until she's a little older. Determined to prove them wrong, Tallulah takes a pair of old pointe shoes out of the trash after dance class. She tries on the pointe shoes once she gets home, but she can't seem to stay up on her toes. When she does manage to dance on pointe her feet hurt terribly. Feeling discouraged, Tallulah returns to dance class the next week where she talks to the girl that danced the part of the Lilac Fairy in the ballet. The Lilac Fairy talks to Tallulah that dancing on pointe takes practice and her feet hurt at first too. Tallulah returns to her ballet class with renewed vigor and determination.

*Tullulah's Toe Shoes* is Singer's third book about Tallulah. Readers can learn with Tallulah that sometimes you have to wait a little bit before you can accomplish your goals—but with hard work and dedication it's still possible. The book uses a few basic, french ballet terms, which can be difficult for readers to pronounce. However, readers without any dance experience can easily follow along and enjoy the story. The illustrations are charming and perfectly show Tallulah's joy, disappointment, and enthusiasm as she tries to dance on pointe. *Tullulah's Toe Shoes* is a great addition to any aspiring dancer's collection.