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A Day with Miss Lina's Ballerinas

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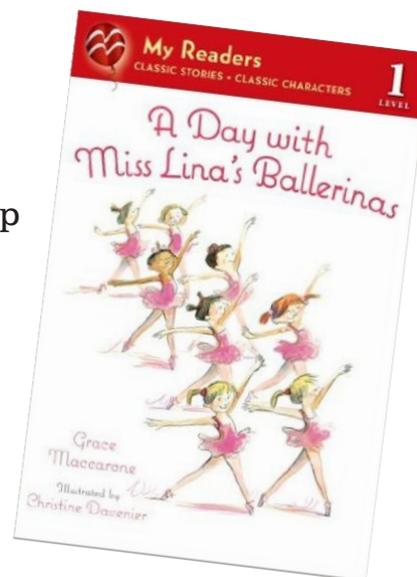
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Book Review

Title: A Day with Miss Lina's Ballerinas
Author: Grace Maccarone
Illustrator: Christine Davenier
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Publisher: Macmillan Children's Publishing Group
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9781250047175
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Follow the ballerinas in Miss Lina's class as they jump, bend, leap, and spin while the old pianist works her magic at the piano. When one ballerina trips on her toes, they all fall down like dominoes! Miss Lina reminds her students not to be afraid to fall, which is an important message readers should take with them at the end of the book. The ballerinas don't just dance in ballet class, but they dance through the zoo, marketplace, park, and even at school! At the end of the day, they dance to bed and dream of dancing.

The illustrations in *A Day with Miss Lina's Ballerinas* are sketched with colored pencil and filled in with watercolors. Repetition, rhyme, short sentences, and easy words help children successfully read this book. Young listeners will enjoy finding the curious and funny cat that can be found in the dance studio. The final page of the book includes a small glossary of ballet words and poses for young readers to try out.