Mary Engelbreit's Nutcracker

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Marie receives a beloved gift for Christmas, a nutcracker. What she doesn’t know however, is that her nutcracker is actually a handsome prince who is under a terrible spell. Late that night, magic is in the air, and from out of the darkness the evil Mouse King arrives to frighten Marie. Her nutcracker jumps to her defense, and a serious fight ensues. Victorious, the nutcracker returns to his former self, and takes Marie with him to Toyland. When Marie wakes the next morning, she’s at home, and rushes downstairs to find her beloved nutcracker. Although she didn’t find her beloved toy, she did find her charming prince, and when they grow up, they live happily ever after.

Mary Engelbreit stuns readers with her recreation of the classic tale, The Nutcracker. Her illustrations that woo the world over don’t fall short in this children’s fairy tale. Engelbreit’s adaption is very close to the original story with very few changes. Written in a form that allows young readers to easily follow along, she also gives life and understanding to the ballet version that has captured audiences’ rapture for years. With bright, exciting, and merry illustrations, young readers will capture the magic of Christmas, of imagination, of playing pretend, and of dreaming impossible dreams as they dive into Mary Engelbreit’s Nutcracker.