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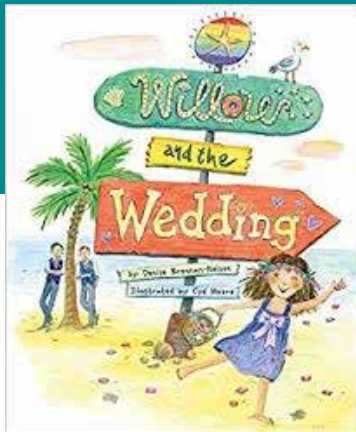
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## Book Review

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Uncle Ash used to be a magnificent dancer, but he hasn't danced since he was a teenager. After being made fun of for his dancing in the school play, he has resigned himself to foot-tapping on the sidelines. His niece Willow is determined to remind him how wonderful it was to dance so he can be ready when the music starts at his upcoming wedding to David.

This glossy picture book is a beautiful expression of family through a child's eyes. While the text speaks as matter-of-factly as Willow thinks, the illustrations bear subtle artifacts of the LGBTQ+ movement that Willow may not even notice is a part of this special wedding. The focus of this book is the people, not the politics. This beautiful story normalizes the diverse family that Willow is a part of. This is a wonderful book to illustrate to children that there are different types of families, while still retaining its identity as a lovely, predictable children's book.

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### Rating

Excellent

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Preschool, Primary

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32

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