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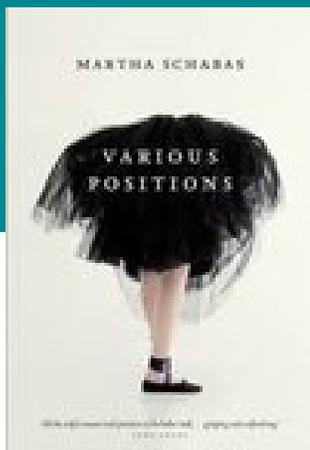
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Dependable

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Fourteen-year-old Georgia eats, sleeps, and breathes ballet. When she is accepted into one of the most prestigious academy's in Toronto, she couldn't be more thrilled. There's just one problem: she's having strange feelings about her ballet instructor, Roderick Allen. As she is training more intensely for a coveted lead role in a ballet, she becomes more and more obsessed with Roderick and fantasizes about having sex with him. On top of her confusing feelings, her parents are acting strange and won't help her understand what's going on. Georgia does the unthinkable and kisses Roderick. By the time Georgia tells the truth about what happened with Roderick, it's too late. Roderick had quit and she is asked to leave the school. Georgia ends up going to a different ballet academy, hopefully having learned something important.

Although this was a very riveting story, especially for those who enjoy ballet, the story seemed to be in poor taste. It did very well showing the life of a ballerina and the dedication and sacrifices they have to make. It explained the challenges faced when wanting to be a ballerina like how a body should look, including the weight and height. It also had great description of what a ballerina would feel in stretching to her limits to get the perfect stance or look in her body. There was also even a glimpse into a family that was struggling to make it together and communicate. The only problem was all of the sex. Georgia is fourteen years old and she suddenly has an addiction to sex and pornography. The descriptions are extremely vivid and go into a lot of depth of why Georgia likes it or finds it attractive. There is included, near the end, Georgia going to a party and actually having sex and what she felt then as well. Ballerina's may be beautiful and strong, but the light they are painted in in this story make them almost seem dangerous. This book would not be a good book to read unless you are prepared for some uncomfortable situations.

*Contains severe language and severe sexual content.