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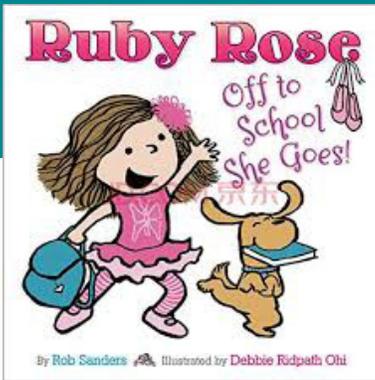
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Book Review

Ruby Rose: Off to School She Goes



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Rating

Excellent

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Ruby Rose loves to dance--not just to music and not just at home, but all the time. This becomes a problem when she goes to school and dances during art class, at the library, and in line for lunch. Her teacher has to constantly tell her to stop dancing, and when Ruby asks when it will be time to dance, she is told, "There is no time to dance at school." In her alarm at such dreadful news, she accidentally knocks over the ant farm, which gets the whole class moving and shaking!

This fun tale will become an instant favorite among children who love to dance and move. The humorous ending strikes a chord with preschool-age audiences, and most children can relate to Ruby's frustration at being told to sit quietly. The story calls attention to the classic struggle between teachers and wiggly students and will hopefully help bridge that gap for those who read it. The overall theme suggests the need for learning to be filled with fun and movement so children are able to fully engage when it is time to pay attention.