
Reviewer: Gillian Streeter
Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate
Rating: Excellent
Genre: Picture Books; Contemporary realistic fiction;
Subject: Individuality--Juvenile fiction; Costume and dress--Juvenile fiction; Manners and customs--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Nancy loves to be fancy. Instead of saying her favorite color is purple, Nancy says it is fuchsia. Ice cream has to at least have sprinkles on top. And Nancy can't wait to learn French, because everything sounds fancy in French. But Nancy's family isn't fancy - they don't understand that sandwiches are better with frilly toothpicks in them or that lace-trimmed socks help fancy people play soccer better. So Nancy has an idea: she can teach her family to be fancy!

While the story is funny and sweet, the illustrations are the main draw of the book--they are as exuberant as Nancy herself. There is an excellent contrast between the audaciously dressed and colored Nancy and her neutral-clothed family, and the colors and tone change when Nancy finds herself feeling not at all fancy.