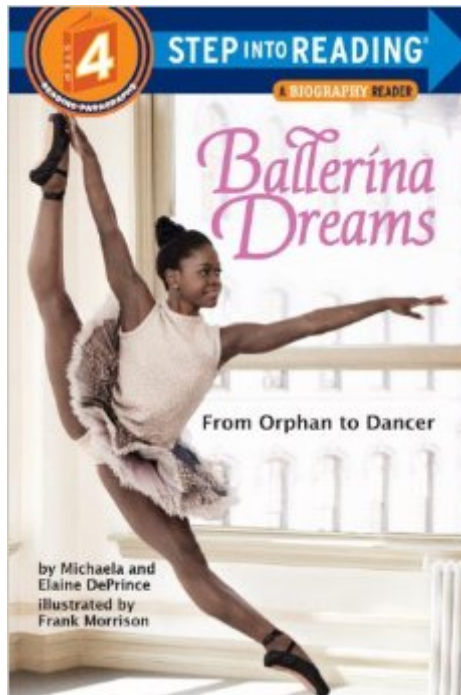


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# Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan To Dancer (Step Into Reading, Step 4)



## Synopsis

Perfect for newly independent readersâthe amazing true story of Michaela DePrince, one of Americaâs top ballerinas. Â At the age of three, Michaela DePrince found a photo of a ballerina that changed her life. She was living in an orphanage in Sierra Leone at the time, but was soon adopted by a family and brought to America. Michaela never forgot the photo of the dancer she once saw, and quickly decided to make her dream of becoming a ballerina come true. She has been dancing ever since and is now a principal dancer in New York City and has been featured in the ballet documentary *First Position*, as well as *Dancing with the Stars*, *Good Morning America*, and *Oprah* magazine. Â Young readers will love learning about this inspiring ballerina in this uplifting and informative leveled reader. This Step 4 Step into Reading book is for newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I purchased this book for a 6 year old biracial dancer who attends ballet classes. I was already familiar with Michaela's story, but this retelling quite simply moved me to tears. It really is beautifully written, and very appropriate for its intended audience. Told with honesty and grace, but not overwhelming. We very much enjoyed this book, and recommend it highly.

This is a lovely, inspirational story about a determined young girl who came from a war-torn country and made her ballet dream come true. Michaela DePrince is a featured dancer in the documentary of the Youth American Grand Prix "First Position", which my seven year old has watched many times. She loves reading Michaela's story because she also dreams of being a famous ballerina. This is a wonderful book for any child who enjoys reading about achieving your goals, especially a child who enjoys ballet.

This was a GREAT book! It covered so many lessons for young people! From Africa to orphanages, adoption and vitiligo, sisterhood and adoption. I just LOVED this book. The girls learned a lot. Even lessons about hard work and dedication!!

Finally! An amazing true story by an African ballerina to inspire my African daughter/future ballerina! This is what we have been waiting for my whole life! Thank you for sharing your phenomenal journey!

This is such an inspirational story. I bought this for my daughter who wants to be a ballerina. Although it is for older children, young children can benefit from the story as well. Michaela was determined to become a ballerina despite her rough beginning and she did it! Praises to her adoptive mother for helping her pursue her dreams. Great book!

My 6 year old daughter and I loved reading this book! The illustrations and photos are lovely and the story is inspiring!

I have been spellbound by Michaela's story ever since watching "First Position". This book is very well written for all readers, not just for the target child reader. It will lead the child to want to know more about ballet in particular, and life in general.

perfect story not only for dancers but also socially pertinent. very attractive too.

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