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Living on the plains can be a lonely adventure if you don't fit in, which Katterina doesn't — until she meets Grandma Dee! This charming story gives all children a great perspective on gaining confidence and self-esteem through hard work and determination!

## **Katterina Ballerina Details**

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## From Reader Review Katterina Ballerina for online ebook

### **Sarah Stuart says**

Reviewed by Sarah Stuart for Readers' Favorite

Katterina Ballerina by Linda Lee Cane, beautifully illustrated by Josh Byers, is a short story written for four to nine-year-olds. (American school grades P to 4) The intention behind it is to demonstrate to any child that he or she can succeed, which builds self-esteem and confidence. Ms Cane tells the story of Katterina, a young giraffe, who longs to dance but is laughed at by the other animals who live on the plain, until she finds Grandma Dee's dancing class where she is taught with lots of encouragement, and makes friends. Katterina Ballerina would be an incredible book to use in schools. Specialist terms used are plié, arabesque, pirouette, jete, passé and rond de jambe. Interest in exactly what Katterina does would be sure to prompt a lively class discussion and teachers could encourage that with a little research into those movements, and the 2, 3, 4, bend, stretch, point, relax, routine.

Katterina is a young giraffe who longs to dance, but her spindly legs never do quite what she tells them. As a consequence, she is teased, pushed out of the way, and laughed at by the other animals who live on the plains, until she meets a dance coach: "Everyone calls me Grandma Dee, and all dancers are welcome here with me" I absolutely loved this book and would enjoy reading it to my young niece who wouldn't resist the delightful pictures, but anyone who buys it for a child, knowing nothing of ballet, should Google before they gift-wrap! Katterina Ballerina by Linda Lee Cane is a story to delight youngsters and parents alike.

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### **Sandrina says**

Disclosure - I received this book through a Goodreads giveaway.

I just finished reading this book with my daughter. The story was about never giving up on your dreams no matter what others may think. It was very cute . My daughters review was "Good Book". She is currently looking at other books from this Author.

I liked the illustrations a lot. They were very colorful and fun.

The copy I received was a spiral bind , not sure how the ones you purchase will be. Was a little unusual, but really made no difference , just an observation.

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### **Morgan says**

I won this book through a Goodreads First Reads contest in exchange of an honest review. I thought that the book was cute and it gave a good lesson to young readers, that even if you are a little different or have different likes than others it is OKAY. My two year old loves reading Katterina Ballerina and makes me read

multiple times a week. The only thing that bugged me a little was that in parts of the story it doesn't really flow very well and wasn't very consistent. For example, in parts of the story the sentences rhyme but in others it does not. Over all though I did enjoy the story and would recommend this book to anyone with young readers.

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### **Patricia Kaniasty says**

Story was really cute but I am worried that children won't understand all of the ballet terms that are used throughout the story. Really cute pictures also.

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### **Judith Follo says**

Very fun and cute book. I love how the message of just being yourself was portrayed in this children's book. I enjoyed reading this to my daughter!! Can't wait to read it to other girls I know. The illustrations were fun and enjoyable. Also the story was easy to understand so it was great for young children.

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### **Mariana Farcas says**

The charming adventure of a little giraffe.  
Learn about the jungle and ballet in the same time. :)

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