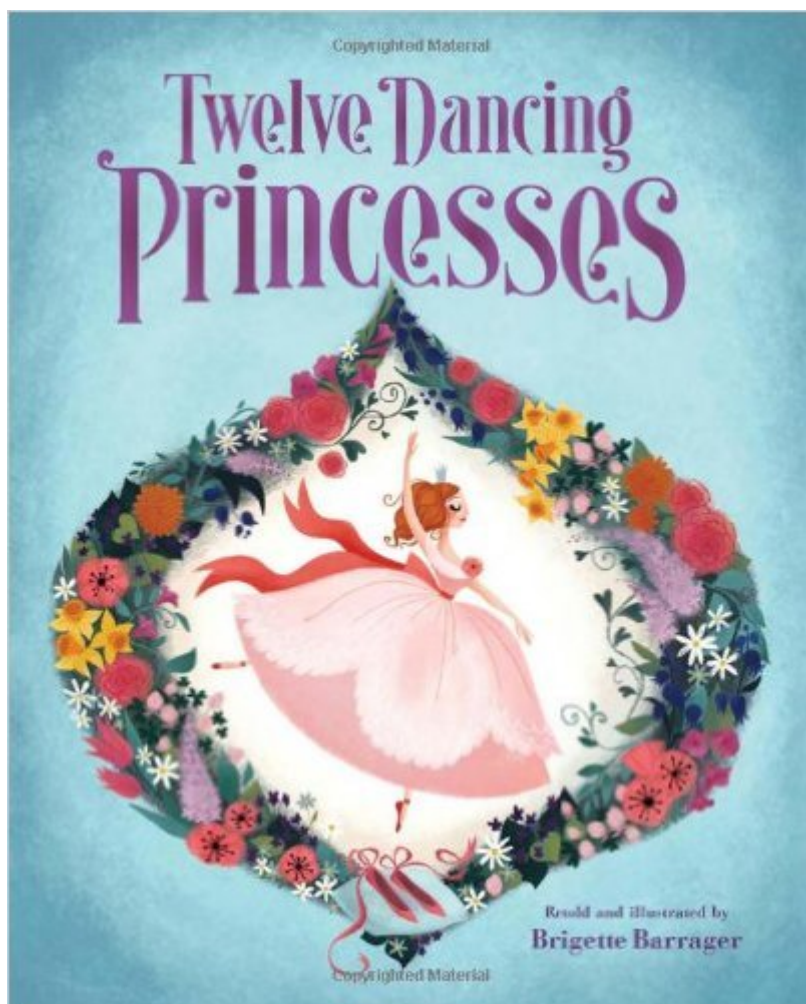


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# The Twelve Dancing Princesses



## Synopsis

The talented Brigitte Barrager lavishly illustrates this beautiful retelling of the Grimm Brothers' "The Twelve Dancing Princesses." In this fairy tale, twelve princesses wake up every morning to find their shoes are worn out and they are totally exhausted! A handsome suitor discovers that the princesses are enchanted, and that each night, in their sleep, they travel to a magical world to dance at a ball. Will this handsome suitor be able to break the spell and rescue the princesses?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Have you been aching for a traditional fairy tale told in just the right way to delight the truest princess fans? Barrager's retelling of the 12 Dancing Princesses is uniquely funny and equal parts regal and mysterious. The illustrations are lush and fragrant as the flowers the princesses are named for. The book is tinged with magical charm and whimsical characters which will delight not just younger children, but stay with them as they grow older and more able to decipher the quick and meticulously chosen language. As Pip learns the key to the princesses' mysterious disappearance each night, readers will learn the meaning of words like "proclamation," "antidote," and "vapor." Not only does the story flow in perfect pitch, but each illustration, from the first to the last page, is only more magnificent than the last. This book should be an instant classic and I can't wait to see what accolades are in order for this talented and extraordinary author and

Brigette Barrager has retold this classic story in a way that is just right for younger children. She's pared away the parts of the story that preschoolers might not like, and provided plenty of interesting images in their stead. In this version, the princesses dance away the night, but aren't aware -- like they are in the Barbie version -- of what they are doing. Instead they are sleepy all day, and it's that sleepiness that has their father, the king, offering treasure to whoever can solve the mystery. The illustrations feature large-eyed princesses, and a cute shoemaker-hero. They remind me of the Little Golden books I read as a child. Nice read-aloud. Would make a nice gift too. Pam T~mom/blogger

There have been many versions of "Twelve Dancing Princesses," gracing picture, middle-reader and young-adult books. Each version has its own take on the tale, and the newest by Brigette Barrager is no different. Barrager's retelling of the Grimm Brothers' "Twelve Dancing Princesses" is simpler and lighter than many of its counterparts. Her retro-feeling illustrations, however, lend themselves well to this beginner's version, and younger readers, particularly girls, will find themselves falling in love with this book. There's a dreamlike quality throughout with graceful lines and pastels suited perfectly for this princess tale.

My 4 year old daughter loves this book, and we have since purchased it for two of her friends. It is a pleasant story for an adult to read, also. Smooth and not too long. The pictures are gorgeous, and Pip's hair is awesome.

I got this book because my second graders were studying fairy tales. I didn't think it would be as popular as it is. They take turns borrowing it and take it home regularly. One of my students told me she read a different version of this tale but didn't enjoy it as much. The illustrations are lovely.

We sought out this book after being given the coordinating princess matching game as a present. The two together would be an ideal present for a 4- to 6-year-old who is into princesses, flowers, and/or playing games. My daughter loves the illustrations, and the story lends itself well to being read aloud. I'm glad to have this as part of our library.

This is wonderful book. It tells the story of the Princesses quite well but the best part is the beautiful illustrations. The colors were gorgeous. My granddaughters and myself enjoyed this book.

I fell in love with these illustrations right away! I also enjoy the more gentle retelling of this story. I bought this to save for later because my daughter is only 18 months. However, she actually has been grabbing it off the shelf because she likes to look at the illustrations too. I just make up a super abbreviated story as we turn through it.

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