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# Tutu Much: The Dance Series (Book #1) (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

"A background rich in ballet will enable you to grow far more quickly than any traditional genre training. You can do anything in the dance world with proper ballet technique." Tutu Much tells the story of five teens from across the country who audition and participate in a ballet summer training intensive. Kelsi is straight from the competitive circuit and queen of the bedazzled dance divas. But can she cut it in this ballet world? Meaghan is a small town gal whose passion for ballet and ambition push her body beyond its limits. Will her body give out on her or take her through to the finale? Lori is the youngest sister of two prima ballerinas - she's not even sure she likes dance - but she's great at it! Paige comes from wealth beyond measure but soon learns there are lessons in life that money cannot buy. And Zel is trying so hard to convince her parents to let her tap dance that she hasn't noticed she loves ballet. Who will win the solo in the showcase? Who will be invited to stay the year? A fast paced read that will keep you on your toes!

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## Customer Reviews

I love this book. I think it is amazing. The different feelings and passions these girls have for dance is great. I love all of the realistic features and word choice. This book is by far the best book I have ever read. So, do buy this book I hope you like it as much as I do.

This book is a light read for teen girls. It deals with the lives of several girls who are involved in a summer intensive training program. They become roommates and finally friends, but not all of them really want to be a ballerina. The story deals with pressure from parents, from friends, and from themselves. Everything is not all light and airy in this story, and it even deals with one girl who

battles bulimia to stay thin (although she eventually realizes she needs help). Even though the story is not very deep, some good issues are dealt with in an interesting way. If the story had flowed a little more with better editing, and if the story could have been long enough to dig a little deeper into the lives of the girls, it would have been even better.

This book is a great book for dancers. It might be a little hard for nondancers because when the characters are dancing the steps are said which happens a lot so you wouldn't understand it if you don't do dance. Overall it's a great book.

I love good fiction for teens that addresses issues that they face in everyday life - and this book touches on many of them: fitting in, meeting (or not meeting) expectations of parents and teachers, and eating disorders, just to name a few. I thought the story was good - it focused on five different girls in an intensive summer ballet program, so there was a bit of jumping back and forth to get all their stories at first, but it flowed overall very well. I think any teen girl who enjoys dance or ballet would enjoy this book, and parents will enjoy that it enforces good lessons without being preachy.

Tutu Much by Airin Emery made me think of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* in the way the five girls in the story all have different circumstances in their lives, but are all drawn together by a common interest. In *Tutu Much*, they are all drawn together by ballet. They are all attending a ballet summer camp in New York City. Without family members there to support them, the intensity of the training and close living quarters force the girls to trust and rely upon each other. The author paints a clear picture of each girl's family situation and dance history. The characters are believable and the scenes are set with clear language. This book is appropriate for young teens up through adults. I will recommend it to my niece who is a performer, as I feel that it has great messages to share with teens without being too preachy. I look forward to reading the next book in this series.

Considering the girls use iPads, this story seems to take place in today's world. How come one of the girls uses a token to enter the subway? Tokens have been phased out and Metro cards are a way of life. The story is cute, and definitely a light read.

*Tutu Much* is a great read for adults and teen girls alike! Airin Emery did a great job of bringing the characters to life in this book and it reminded me so much of my cousin and the girls that she dances with. When I was in middle school there weren't just a ton of books that were geared

towards teenage girls and the struggles they go through so it's refreshing to see an author taking on such a big topic. The book was well written and easy to read and the characters were relatable. I actually am looking forward to reading the next book in the series!

Tutu Much was a great book with very realistic characters that kept me hooked. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. I was really excited for the next one, can't wait to read it!

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