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***Bunheads* meets *The Kicks* in this second novel in a brand-new middle grade trilogy from *New York Times* bestselling author, dancer, model, and actress **Maddie Ziegler**!**

After a successful first competition, twelve-year-old Harper is eager to keep on making her mark in Dance Starz. But lately, she's having a bit of "dancer's block." In her one-on-one with her teacher, Harper is reminded that dancing isn't just about the spins and leaps; it's about the emotion and passion for dancing, too. And lately, she hasn't felt that Harper has been living up to her usual standards. Vanessa will be choosing the first soloist to compete at the next competition for the team, and suggests to Harper that she find a way to figure out how to get that mojo back.

Thanks to a chance conversation, Harper joins the school musical. Not only is this an opportunity to polish up her stage presence, but as the newbie at school, Harper is excited to make some more friends.

But some of the teammates are not thrilled that Harper has to do something else other than dance team. Plus, their biggest rivals, The Belles, are looking to go toe-to-toe with them in the upcoming competition—and both teams have something to prove. Harper realizes that the musical, dance team, and school might be a little much. Can she figure out how to find her balance—on-stage and off?

The Callback Details

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K.C says

Reallllllllllly good.

Mrs J Hudson says

Amazing

Amazing book about pursuing your dreams. If you love dance read it. It is all about dance and following your dreams. Xxxx

Arabella says

I'd give this book 4 stars. It's a great book, and I can't wait for the next one. I loved everything about it, and I definitely recommend it! The only reason I give it 4 stars is because at several times, the words repeated. For example, Harper's mom would say something, Harper would respond, and then her mom would basically repeat the same thing again. But I love the whole book, and Hailey on the Daily was hilarious! It was such a great read!

Naomi says

Have you just had too much on your plate and you have overextended yourself? Along with school you have so many things going on after school and you are just worn out? This is exactly what Harper has done. She is still fairly new to Florida and her dance academy, Dance Starz, and still trying to make sure that she is meant to be on the competitive team. Her team consist of Megan, Lily, Trina, Riley, and Harper. They work together as a team, however, they are now about to compete against each other for the Dance Starz first ever solo on the competitive team. Megan is determine to make sure that the solo is hers and she will do whatever it takes to make it happen, even if it means lying and sabotaging her teammates. Not only does Harper have the stress of working on the solo and the competitive dance, she unintentionally finds herself in the school play.

Darla says

This trilogy gives the reader a front row seat in a dance studio plus we get a glimpse into being part of a school play as well. Harper gets the opportunity to be a part of the school production of "The Little Mermaid". Doing so stretches her skills as a dancer and shows her the ups and downs of being part of a theatrical production. We see her learn about being a good friend, teammate and sister. There are some silly and heartwarming moments with her sister, Hailey, that were some of my favorite moments in the book.

Perfect for girly girls!

Bella Juozapaitis says

This was a great book! This sequel was more interesting than The Audition because it had so much more detail and drama. Harper had the solo, drama with Megan, The Little Mermaid, and the love with Drew. I wonder if they end up getting together? All in all, great book and hopefully another book comes out.

Kosonkem says

Nice

Lauren S says

The story itself was alright. It was an easy read, but there was a lot of repetition in the sentences, which is something I don't like when writers do. Quite a couple mix ups in some spots with characters names being repeated, when intentionally it was supposed to be another character. I can definitely say I liked the first book a lot more than the second.

Laurie says

Interest Level: 5-8

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This book focuses mainly on dance but it is not all about dance. The Audition and The Callback also deal

with middle school drama such as friends, family, crushes, and mean girls. I cannot wait for the third book in this series to come out!! Don't miss these!!

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Ms. Yingling says

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Harper is settling into her new life in Florida after The Audition and is finding a way to work with a new group at dance. She has made a good friend in Lily, but Riley continues to be pointlessly mean. Each girl in the group is being considered for a solo and has to do one-on-one lessons to prepare, and of course, Riley thinks she should get it. At the same time, Harper gets involved with a school production of The Little Mermaid, and has a dance there. She works with some of her classmates on their routines, and enjoys that, but is struggling with her solo. She is also trying to spend more time with her younger sister Hailey, and keep up with her school work. This is not an easy task when you're at the dance studio every night! In the end, Harper realizes that she is not putting as much emotion into her dancing because she is trying to be technically perfect.

Strengths: Julia Devillers' writing is strong, and "drama" is certainly something I get asked for a lot. Students don't necessarily want death and destruction, they want the mean girls, the friend drama, the light romance. This fits the bill, all while wearing sparkly leotards and tulle.

Weaknesses: Ziegler appeared on a show, Dance Moms, until 2016, so I don't know how long she will remain a popular figure. Even without her celebrity, however, there is a decided lack of middle grade fiction dealing with dance, so this will be useful.

What I really think: Even though I did tap, ballet and jazz in my misspent youth (the last class I took was in sixth grade, when I was traumatized by the one shouldered leotard with glitter fringe!), I just don't get intensive dance. I know so many girls who spend their middle and high school years doing practically nothing else, then never danced again once they got to college. This made it hard for me to get invested in the book.

Teagan says

this book was really funny, had 12- year old drama, and stressful news in dance class!!! this book is about a 12- year old girl named Harper McCoy. she is on the select team for dance, but she was selected to be on her

school play!! Will Harper be able to do the play and try to get the solo?? Read to find out!! ??
