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Ballet Cat and her cousin Goat are preparing a show for Grandma. Each is trying to outdo the other--Ballet Cat with an elaborate dance routine (of course), and Goat with his amazing (amazingly lame, that is) magic tricks. Neither act goes off quite as planned, but it doesn't matter . . . because Grandma falls asleep during the performance! Oh well, at least Ballet Cat and Goat learn how to cooperate. (But Ballet Cat cooperates better!)

Praise for THE TOTALLY SECRET SECRET: *"This early reader has simple, vivacious cartoon artwork done in inks with digital enhancements. Shea's signature style and bright bold colors add to the fun.

Although the text is somewhat sophisticated and the dialogue is entirely in word balloons, the humor and theme of friendship and sharing will have broad appeal beyond the beginning reader set. VERDICT Move over Elephant and Piggie!"

--*School Library Journal* (starred review) *"Tapping into the same barely restrained exuberance and visual energy that characterizes much of his previous work, Shea introduces Ballet Cat, a pearl-and-tutu-wearing feline who loves to dance as much as the author's Dinosaur and Cheetah characters love winning. Like Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie, these two are a contemporary comic duo with staying power; Shea mines Ballet Cat's dialed-up enthusiasm and Sparkle's hangdog expressions for everything they are worth. Boldly contrasting backgrounds heighten the strong emotions at play and, luckily, after Sparkles reveals his 'secret secret' about dancing, this friendship is undiminished." --*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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Amanda says

This is so real! How many times have I wanted to be the *favorite* favorite?! The struggle is real, people! Thank you, Bob Shea, for understanding! Poor Grandma, being trapped in the middle; the solution is rather ingenious.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Great question that only Ballet Cat would think to ask!

Heidi says

Grandma ends up in quite the pickle when her two grandchildren, Goat and Ballet Cat (don't ask me how that works, a dog related to a goat and a cat, this is children's literature after all, such things happen) compete for her attention. Goat thinks his magic tricks will most impress grandma, and Ballet Cat thinks her dancing will. But when they're acts mix together things don't go quite the way they expected and grandma has to save the day. Shea has put together an amusing story of one-up-manship that anyone who has spent time around children should be able to appreciate. Children will enjoy cheering for both characters and everyone should appreciate Grandma's quick thinking. A delightful ode to family relationships.

Margaux says

Of course I love this book so much. I *love* Ballet Cat. She's my **favorite favorite**.

Erin says

Ballet Cat practices for a ballet show she's going to put on for Grandma. Goat comes in with his magic show stuff and says his show will be Grandma's favorite favorite. They both worry and brag that theirs will be better than the others. Then when Grandma comes home they smother her so much with magic and ballet and cookies and chairs and blankets that she falls asleep. Of course, Cat and Goat think she passed out from all the awesomeness she witnessed. They wake her up and press her about which was her favorite favorite--ballet or magic. Smart Grandma says her favorite favorite is mint chocolate chip! But only for those who don't say ballet or magic for the rest of the day. Grandma is so clever.

Great for preschool storytimes.

Jillian says

I have so many questions about the biology of this family tree.

But the book is adorable - and reminded me of watching lots of kids having "competitions" to be the favorite favorite.

Marissa Elera says

This is my favorite favorite in the Ballet Cat series!

Lindsey says

If you like Elephant and Piggie, you will love these!

Colleen says

I love Bob Shea.

Peacegal says

Young fans of ELEPHANT AND PIGGY will adore these goofy, high-energy characters.

Lisa says

I love these books, in fact I am getting my sister Ballet Cat for her birthday (she turns 40). I love that the author is including other characters from other books. It is always fun to see what Ballet Cat is up to.

Ames Public Library Youth Services says

Bob Shea has done it again! Ballet Cat is joined by her cousin, a goat, as they try to figure out what could possibly Grandma's favorite favorite. Is it ballet? Or is it magic tricks?

This humorous book is true to life, as I know that I've competed with cousins and siblings for a special adult's attention before. However, the grandma uses her own special idea to bring both cousins together.

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Katie says

Did not disappoint :)

Mrs. Krajewski says

I'd say this is closer to a 3, but my kiddos loved it so that bumps it up one star.

Michelle Gray says

Themes: dance, magic, favorites, grandma
