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It is a cold and rainy evening when Gran gives her granddaughter something special: tickets to the ballet. Her granddaughter is reluctant to go. The weather is terrible and they have to wear fancy, uncomfortable clothes. But as the curtains rise on *The Nutcracker*, the girl's eyes light up as she's introduced to the magic of the theater. The bright costumes, the intricate dances, the magical music, and a new friend all combine to captivate the girl and to bring color to an otherwise dreary evening.

Waltz of the Snowflakes Details

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Jillian Heise says

Beautiful! Wordless story of a girl's trip to see The Nutcracker ballet with her mother. Loved the illustrations, the interspersing of the girl and the ballet, and the diversity represented. A lovely book.

Jo Oehrlein says

I didn't realize that the girl goes to the ballet with her grandmother. I thought it was her mom.

This is a wordless picture book of a girl and an adult woman (mom/grandmom) going to the ballet together. The girl is reluctant. The weather is messy (rainy) and the adult makes her dress up. Things start improving as she sees the stage and the orchestra.

Love the use of color for the ballet. During the ballet, the illustrations alternate between scenes from the ballet and scenes of the audience watching. In particular, we see the girl and the boy she is seated next to.

Strangely enough, she and the boy closely resemble Clara and the Prince. :-) She clearly envisions herself on stage.

Laura (Book Scrounger) says

This book was chosen for Day 19 of my "25 Days of Christmas Books" blog series:
<https://www.theproblemsite.com/book-s...>

Seema Rao says

A wordless tale about a young girl watching the nutcracker. Given the wordless nature of the actual ballet, Wordless works great. Paper cutouts.

Melanie says

Wordless Book, with beautiful illustrations.
My kids love imagining the stories!

Cat says

Beautiful intro for a young child attending a ballet for the first time. I remember taking my daughter to see the Nutcracker when she was 5 and it started a lifelong appreciation to live theater for her. It can sometimes take some doing to get children dressed up to go to a performance, but once they attend there shouldn't be any difficulties getting them to go again! This is a wordless book and the illustrations are lovely and tell the story very well! Great book!

Jennifer says

Nice to see a wordless picture book. Not many of them lately.

Patty says

Wordless. Loved the story and the pictures. Love how the endpapers start and carry the story along past the book pages.

Possible Caldecott?

Chance Lee says

A wordless picture book. The story is surprisingly layered -- a girl is forced by her mother to go see a performance of the Nutcracker. Some panels tell the story of the performance, others show the girl, who has a flirtation with a young boy sitting next to her. At the end she likes it, although it's difficult to say which part of the trip -- the show or the boy -- she liked most.

Calista says

I enjoyed this book. Mostly a wordless book about a girl being forced to go see the Nutcracker. During the show she is amazed and excited by it. The art is so amazing and tells a great story. The weather is rainy and dreary to match the girls mood.

My niece enjoys this book. Easy to read and understand. This is all about the magic and power of the theatre!

David Schaafsma says

Here, click on this first, The "Waltz of the Snowflakes" from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcxix...>

That's for mood setting, and because the book title obviously is based on this music. This is a picture book about a girl who really does not want to go to the ballet and wear uncomfortable clothes and sit for a long time. But she goes, and is transformed, of course. There's not a lot of story here, but this is typical of many

wordless stories, where the emphasis is on the emotional experience. The world is drab and ordinary, you see the ballet, and everything is transformed! Visually, this is captured with greater color and movement. Simple, and pretty cool!

Luisa Knight says

There are no words but the story tells of two children who go to see the theatrical of The Nutcracker and their excitement over learning they actually enjoyed it. Since there aren't any words, it's a great opportunity to get out Tchaikovsky's music and do a listen while you look.

Ages: 4 - 9

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Laura Harrison says

Beautiful, wordless book. Elly MacKay is a wonder.

Kathryn says

No words just stunning illustrations around the Nutcracker. Lovely.

Jenn says

* A copy of this book was provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

I'm a HUGE Elly MacKay fan. I think her artwork is absolutely stunning and her narratives are charming and delightful for children of all ages, and this book is another winner.

A beautiful picture narrative that follows a young girl and her family as they go to the ballet to see the Nutcracker, with multiple perspectives that richly illustrate both the story on stage and the thoughts and emotions of those in the audience. Truly a treasure to read again and again.
