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# PRIMA BALLERINAS

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## 1. MELISSA'S DREAM

Melissa is half-Russian and half-Italian, she has a grandmother who danced with the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet and a mother who is very strict and not a fan of ballet. Melissa hasn't taken her ballet shoes off from the day she first saw ballet on television. She was later admitted to the prestigious Opera di Roma ballet school where she found new friends, bitter enemies and learned how to work harder than she ever thought possible!

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120 pages  
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## 2. TWO STARS ON STAGE

It's recital time at the Opera di Roma school, and the girls are preparing "The Sleeping Beauty in the Woods" and there can be only one prima ballerina. Melissa and Viola have been bitter rivals since the first day, they'll do whatever they can to get the part - whether it's auditions, gruelling practice or daring deeds...

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CLAIRE MARTINI is a pen name. She currently works with many Italian publishers as translator, copyeditor and ghostwriter. After years spent to take care of other author's books she now wants to dedicate her energy and creativity to her own stories.



is 9 and a livewire. She is a slip of a girl, full of beans, curious and never gives up. She attends the theatre's dance school and dreams of becoming a ballerina.



Born in the snowy steppes of Russia. She is tall and elegant, wears her blond hair in a bun. She adores dancing but most of all her granddaughter and would do anything for her.



A ginger tabby, sidekick in all Melissa's adventures. Named after the famous choreographer Marius Petipa.