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To Helen, with many thanks for the inspiration.
And to my dad, who always did my hair just right. A.B.

To Jenny and Rosemary, for teaching me to dance. T.M.

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at the Jill Stew School of Dance for inviting us to watch
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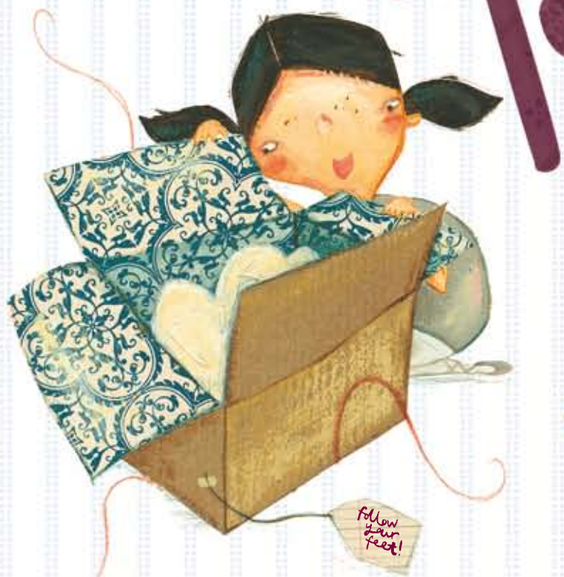
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My sister, Belinda, is a ballerina.
I, Trixie, am not.

When we go to Davida's Dance Shoppe
to pick out our leotards, shoes, and socks,
Belinda picks classic pink and white.

I pick red and purple and green.
'Are you sure?' asks Mum.

'I'm sure,' I say.
'It has style,' I say.