



Toby

Wears a Tutu

written by Lori Starling | illustrated by Anita DuFalla

It's the first day of school, and Toby is dressed in their best and ready to make new friends! But first, Toby's new classmates want to know: Is Toby a boy or a girl? Toby isn't sure how to answer. Toby likes to wear basketball shorts and tutus. Toby plays ninjas and dances ballet. Finally, after a little thought and some encouragement from Mom, Toby has a declaration to make: they can eat, wear, do, or be anything they want! Toby isn't a boy or a girl—Toby is just Toby!

About the Author



Lori Starling is a writer, poet, amateur ukulele player, and lover of all things Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, and Sylvia Plath. Through their writing, they strive to create realistic worlds for their readers to explore, where marginalized voices are heard and empowered.

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About the Illustrator

Anita DuFalla is both an award-winning illustrator and designer with fifteen years of experience in children's book illustration.

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