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A Holiday Surprise: The Perfect Pointe

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""With a dancing mouse king, nutcracker prince, and sugar plum fairy, this warm story of love and dedication sets the stage for some real holiday magic."

-Karen Foley, author of Santa's Sick of Cookies and Santa's Sleigh Is Stuck

<u>Belle Isle Books</u> of Richmond, Virginia, is proud to announce the upcoming release of <u>The Perfect Pointe</u>, written by <u>Victoria Coniglio</u> and illustrated by <u>Lintang Pandu Pratiwi</u>. Watch as Poppy's perfect pointe performance in the Nutcracker ends with a special surprise! *The Perfect Pointe* is scheduled for release on November 19, 2020.



Poppy loves ballet, and her dad loves to see her dance. When Poppy finds out her class will be performing the Nutcracker, she works harder than ever to get the role of Clara. But Poppy's dad is in the US Army and away on deployment. If Poppy gets the part, will he even be able to attend the performance? Day after day, Poppy rehearses her perfect pointe.

About the Author

<u>Victoria Coniglio</u> was born and raised in Woodbridge, Virginia. Having grown up as a dancer and performer, she has always loved the dance arts including ballet, tap, and jazz. She enjoyed performing roles in the Nutcracker with her childhood dance company, DeGrasse Dance Studio. Victoria graduated from the Center for Fine and Performing Arts at Woodbridge Senior High School with dance honors and is pursuing a bachelor's degree, to be followed by a master's degree, both in accounting. Along with Victoria's business passions, dance is still important to her. For the past two years, she has been teaching dance at local studios in Virginia.

About the Illustrator

<u>Lintang Pandu Pratiwi</u> was born in Indonesia. She has worked for many years as a professional illustrator and created many picture books for various publishers and clients. Through her studio, Taranggana, Lintang has been published throughout America, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Japan. She loves art and nature and is inspired by the nostalgic childhood innocence and beautiful countryside. Lintang's parents, Widayati Sri Wulandari and Mudjab Widjaya, are her biggest inspirations in life. Having their everlasting and continuing support has provided her with good examples of how to live her life and be successful in her own way.

Interviews available upon request.

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