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With a magical reworking of the traditional Cinderella tale, this splendid book will delight all budding dance enthusiasts. Like Cinderella, Ella Bella, longing for the start of her ballet class, finds she has lost one shoe. Madame Rosa comes to the rescue with a trunk full of spares, and finding a pair to fit Ella Bella, remarks on the similarity to the traditional tale. Madame then suggests the class all dance to the Cinderella music from the mysterious musical box, and through words and pictures Mayhew creates an enchanting atmosphere. At the close of the class, dreamy Ella Bella is surrounded by fairies, and is whisked away with them to witness Cinderella stealing the heart of the young Prince at the ball. Deft, ethereal pictures detail the happenings throughout. With detailed notes at the end of the book giving the background to Prokofiev's ballet 'Cinderella', readers will be inspired to search out the music.

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