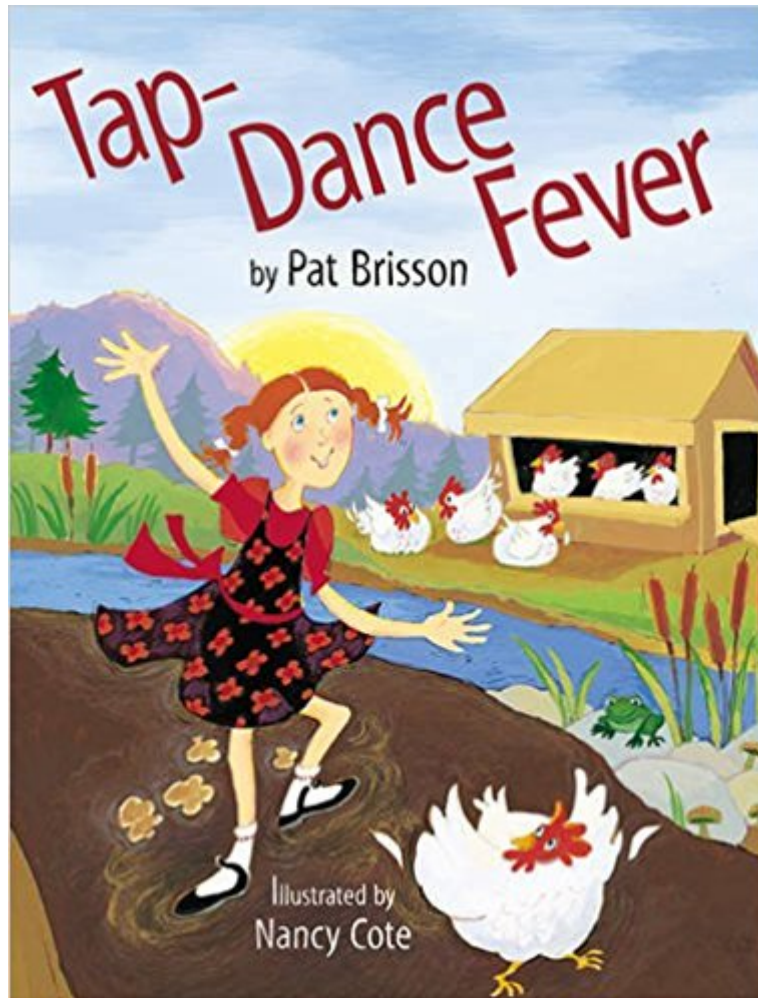




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# Tap-Dance Fever



## Synopsis

From sunrise to sunset, Annabelle can't keep her feet from moving. She's worn out her mother's linoleum. She's danced a hole in the schoolhouse floor. She's danced a ridge into Creek Road that causes Mr. Harville T. Stone's tire to blow. Even Mrs. Ethel Pontoon's chickens are upset. They refuse to lay eggs as long as Annabelle keeps dancing. It seems Annabelle has turned the entire town topsy-turvy with her terpsichore. Now the citizens have banded together to stop Annabelle once and for all! But the people of Fiddler's Creek are in for a big surprise when they try to cure Annabelle's Tap-Dance Fever.

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "Annabelle Applegate's tapping toes have worn out the linoleum in her mama's kitchen and dug a hole in the schoolhouse floor. The townsfolk are upset by her antics and blame her for their problems, including broken eyeglasses and chickens that refuse to lay eggs. They put obstacles in her path, and Deputy Thistledown steals her tap shoes, but nothing stops Annabelle's enthusiasm for dancing. One day, she encounters dozens of rattlesnakes near Mrs. Pontoon's henhouse, and they dance along with her. She leads them to the fairgrounds stage, and in no time becomes a champion and celebrity. Tourists come from miles around, and the town prospers. Cote's appealing watercolor-and-gouache cartoon illustrations are lively and expressive,

and portray a multicultural community. Fans of Brisson's *Wanda's Roses* (Boyds Mills, 1994) will enjoy this jazzy new protagonist. This toe-tapping tale will dance its way into the hearts of readers, who will appreciate its humor and the resourcefulness of its heroine.â "Be Astengo, Alachua County Library, Gainesville, FL

PreS-Gr. 2. Nothing, it seems, can stop the tappity-tap of Annabelle Applegate's dancing feet. The folks of Fiddler's Creek, who vow to prevent her from wearing ridges in the road and holes in the schoolroom floor, take away her tap shoes, but she nails bottle tops to a pair of old boots and keeps dancing along. When they steal her boots, she tapes pennies to her heels and keeps on tapping. And when Annabelle trains the local rattlesnakes to dance with her, she becomes famous, bringing prosperity to her neighbors, who begin to see the value of her gift. A deliciously tall tale with an appealing young heroine, the story of Annabelle's troubles and triumph reads aloud well. Just as amusing are Cote's fanciful watercolor-and-gouache paintings of a multicultural, rural community--art that is varied in composition, exaggerated in characterization, and exuberant in spirit. Inspirational for children who feel driven to do what they love and great fun for everyone else. Carolyn Phelan Copyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

Got this for 4 year old Grandsons and they loved it. Read it over and over. Nothing, but nothing can stop Annabelle from tapping, not even the entire town, even though they try. Annabelle can tap wearing shoes, boots or, gasp, coins taped to her feet. She dances through everything including snakes. Young kids, dancers or not, will love this adorable book and hopefully learn to do what they love to do most.

Interesting book that has great illustrations. My little one thoroughly enjoys reading this book.

I got this book to read/interact with to my dance classes--the older kids loved it as much as the little ones! This does have some big words that I had to help them sound out but they all loved the story.

A must have book for anyone with a young dancer in the house. Just hope they don't bring home their own dancing rattlesnakes!

This was a very cute story. I really love the illustrations - especially how Annabelle's dresses are drawn! The story has a funny and happy ending to it. Kids will hopefully learn from Annabelle. She's

always happy and doing what she likes best no matter what the problem. That's being a good role model. I recommend this book to kids 5+!NOTE- I purchased this book at an arts festival the author was at.

Annabelle Applegate was setting up the citizens of Fiddler's Creek into realizing 2 things.A:Is was those dangerous rattlesnakes that were responsible for causing Mrs.Ethel Pontoon's chickens to stop laying eggs.And B:Even if a tap dancer winds up causing damages in conclusion,still never hate but only appreciate his or her tap dancing talents,even if it is your own talented,gifted child or children!Personally i was born to like tap dancing along with raw talent!

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