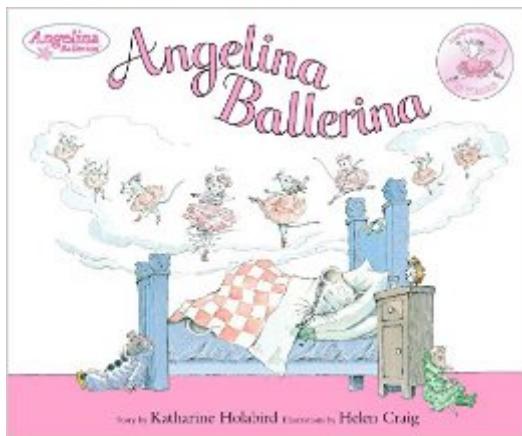


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# Angelina Ballerina 25th Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

Itâ™s been twenty-five years since Angelina danced her way into the hearts of young ballerinas, and sheâ™s still going strong. A true modern classic, Angelina continues to be adored by her legions of fans. Celebrate her twenty-fifth anniversary with this special edition of the original book that started it all. Featuring a lavish jacket thatâ™s as sparkly as one of Angelinaâ™s costumes, this book is the perfect way to commemorate her anniversary.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Katharine Holabird's "Angelina Ballerina" is fun for any aspiring ballerina. Angelina Mouseling--a wee white mouse--loves to dance, to the exclusion of all other activities. She won't clean her room, she won't help clear the table, she listens to neither her mother or her father because she is dancing, dancing, dancing at every waking moment. Everything changes when her parents recognize that her interest needs to be taken seriously. Mr. and Mrs. Mouseling do just that when they go shopping and come home with--ooooh!--a ballerina's tutu for Angelina to wear. Shortly thereafter, Angelina begins ballet lessons. Her perseverance pays off and she becomes a famous ballerina. In the interim, however, the attention her parents have paid to her love of ballet pays off in the form of her willingness to do all the things she didn't want to do before, because now she can dance all she likes in ballet class and in recitals. I agree with the comments that have been made

about the subdued sexism here. Angelina is presented as someone who is too fast and too nimble for the boys on the playground, but later in the book--once she has gotten what she wants--she is described as letting the boys catch her after all. It's a jarring note in an otherwise perfectly charming book. Special mention must be made of Helen Craig's detailed, charming drawings. She doesn't completely anthropomorphize the mouse characters--they are clearly little animals, with anatomically correct limbs and quivering whiskers, but Craig somehow manages to humanize them and make them utterly winsome and dear. All around a very nice book for the aspiring ballerina!

I wanted to let everyone know that this "special" 25th edition, really isn't all that special after all. The book jacket does have a special glitter on it that wasn't in the original. However, with my 2 year old, the book jackets quickly are taken off of books and put away for safe keeping. Underneath the jacket, the main cover is rather washed out with no vivid colors and no glitter. Aside from a small 25 year logo in the upper right hand corner of the book, there isn't any other special features that I could see. Also, throughout the book, the illustrations appear to be not as vivid in color as the older one we were constantly checking out from the library. It is close, but not quite as vibrant. And the last page has sort of strong orange overtones as if the printing was a little off. Probably not noticeable if you hadn't seen another copy, but disappointing to me because I am so familiar with the older library edition. It is printed in China and you can tell it from the cheap quality of the cover and not as vivid illustrations as the older library edition. Still a wonderful book. However I would recommend trying to get the regular edition and not the 25th edition. But if the regular edition or a used copy of the regular edition in good condition is not available, then get this one. All young girls love to read this over and over and having your own copy is great.

This is by far my daughter's favorite book, and I'm glad. Angelina is a wonderful little girl (mouse) and a great role model. She has a dream, to be a ballerina, and the book is all about her hard work and determination in fulfilling that dream. At the end of the book, you feel the delight of her achievement, and hopefully, go away feeling that you too can achieve the dreams of your heart.

This series is wonderful literature for kids! The pictures are excellent and fit the story well. I read it to my kids now and they really love it. I think that they like Angelina Ballerina more than the all-famous Bernstein Bears! I recommend this series to everybody who enjoys good literature!!!!

beautifully illustrated, heartwarming childrens stories. Even though the Angelina stories are geared

towards girls, my little boy, at 8, enjoyed these as well, especially when mom read to him. These are good stories to read to your child at bedtime. The artwork is detailed and delightful to look at-you'll see new things each time you look, and children love that that every scene is filled with many little mice. This Angelina story deals our hopes and dreams(in Angelina's case constant dancing)-to follow your dreams but at the same time know there is a time and place for fun, and a time to do your work. Each book is filled with wonderful life lessons told in a gentle, non preachy way. I highly recommend this series for any child. 5 stars!

Love this book from childhood! Ordered my daughter one along with three of her friends for all of their birthdays. The four books arrived smelling strongly of some type of chemical, I'm not sure what...kind of like permanent ink? Also the pages in all four books were wrinkled as if they had come into contact with moisture. Sent me a replacement four books and they smelled just as bad and were wrinkled just like the precious four. So disappointing. I will be returning them and getting the book from elsewhere.

My daughter has fallen in love with this book and the character of Angelina so quickly. It is a wonderful book with beautiful illustrations and we enjoy reading it so much. My daughter was already interested in ballet but this book has brought her imagination to a new level. I highly recommend this book to anyone with a young girl.

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