

Arabella Rose and Her Dancing Toes

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Arabella Rose dances on her toes
And all she ever wears are dancing clothes.



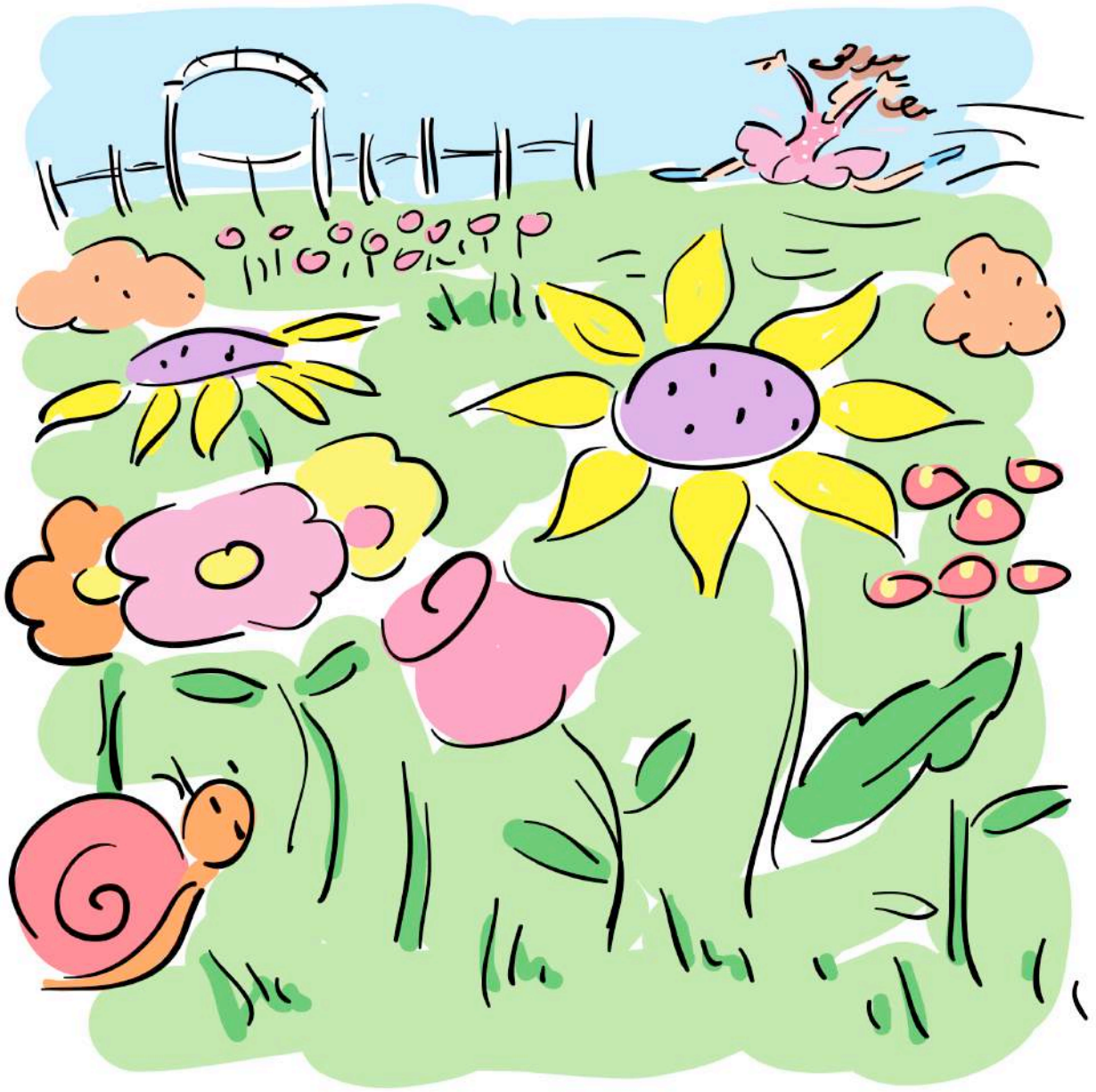
She dances on her bed when she gets up in the morning,
Donning her clothes, which are never boring.



She dances in the kitchen where she goes to eat.



She dances in the living room, waking her cat from its sleep.



She dances in the garden. She dances at school.



She even dances underwater in the swimming pool.



She dances all day until late at night.
Others thought it was an extraordinary sight.
Anyone could see that Arabella Rose
Is a dancer from the bottom of her feet
to the tip of her nose.



“But why? Why do you dance wherever you go?”

A growing crowd wants to know.



Then she turns and speaks to the baffled collection,
Who are keeping her under their close-eyed inspection.

“Dancing keeps me on my toes.

That’s all I have to say about that,” says Arabella Rose.



But then she thinks it would be more fun
If she were not the only one.



“Why not join me?” she asks.

“What kind of dancing would you choose,
If you had on dancing shoes?”



Hmmm, they think,
What a most tantalizing thought.
So she offers a number of suggestions,
Hoping that they will make some interesting selections.



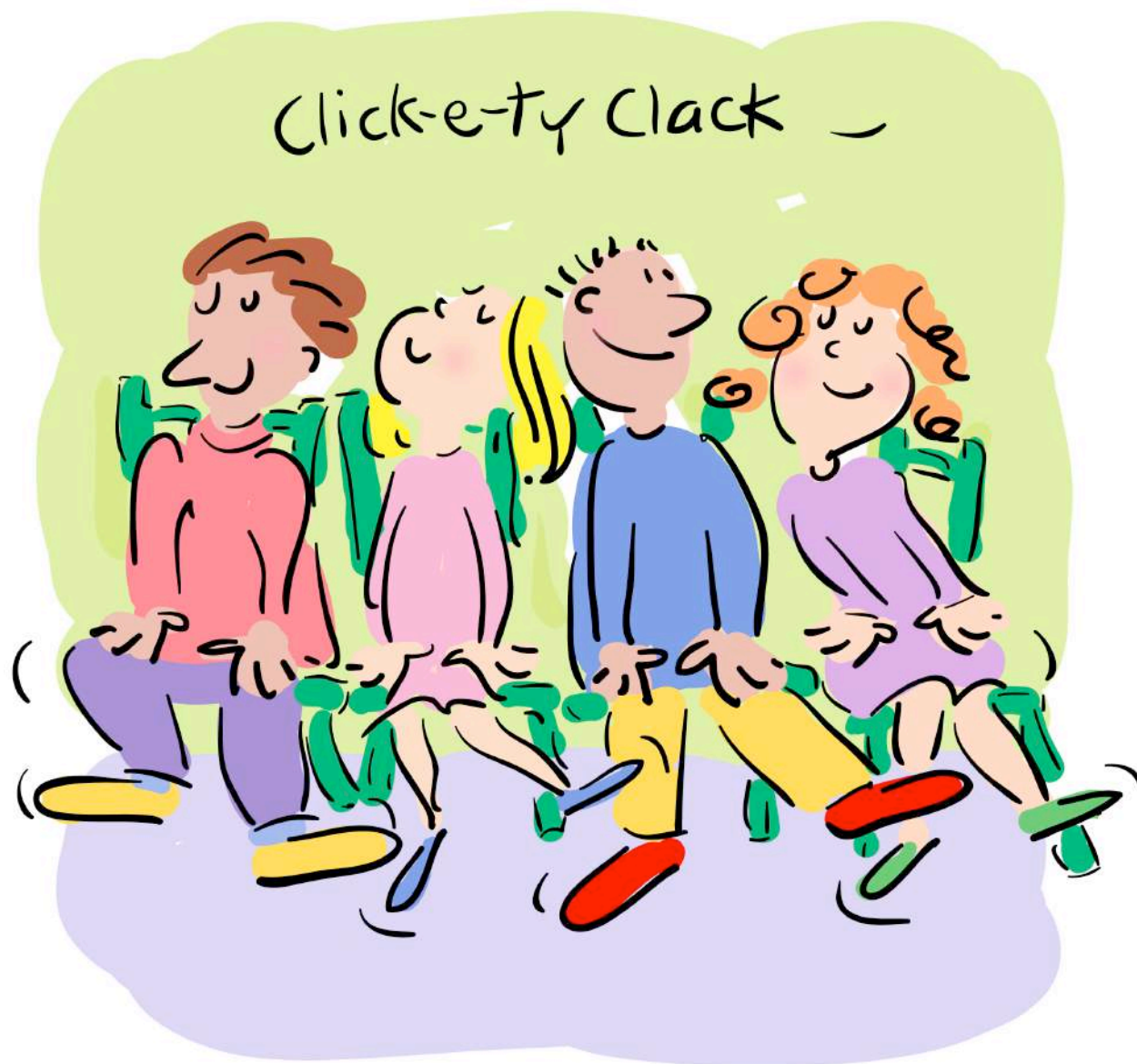
“There is toe dancing, sometimes called ballet...



And slow dancing in which the dancers sway.



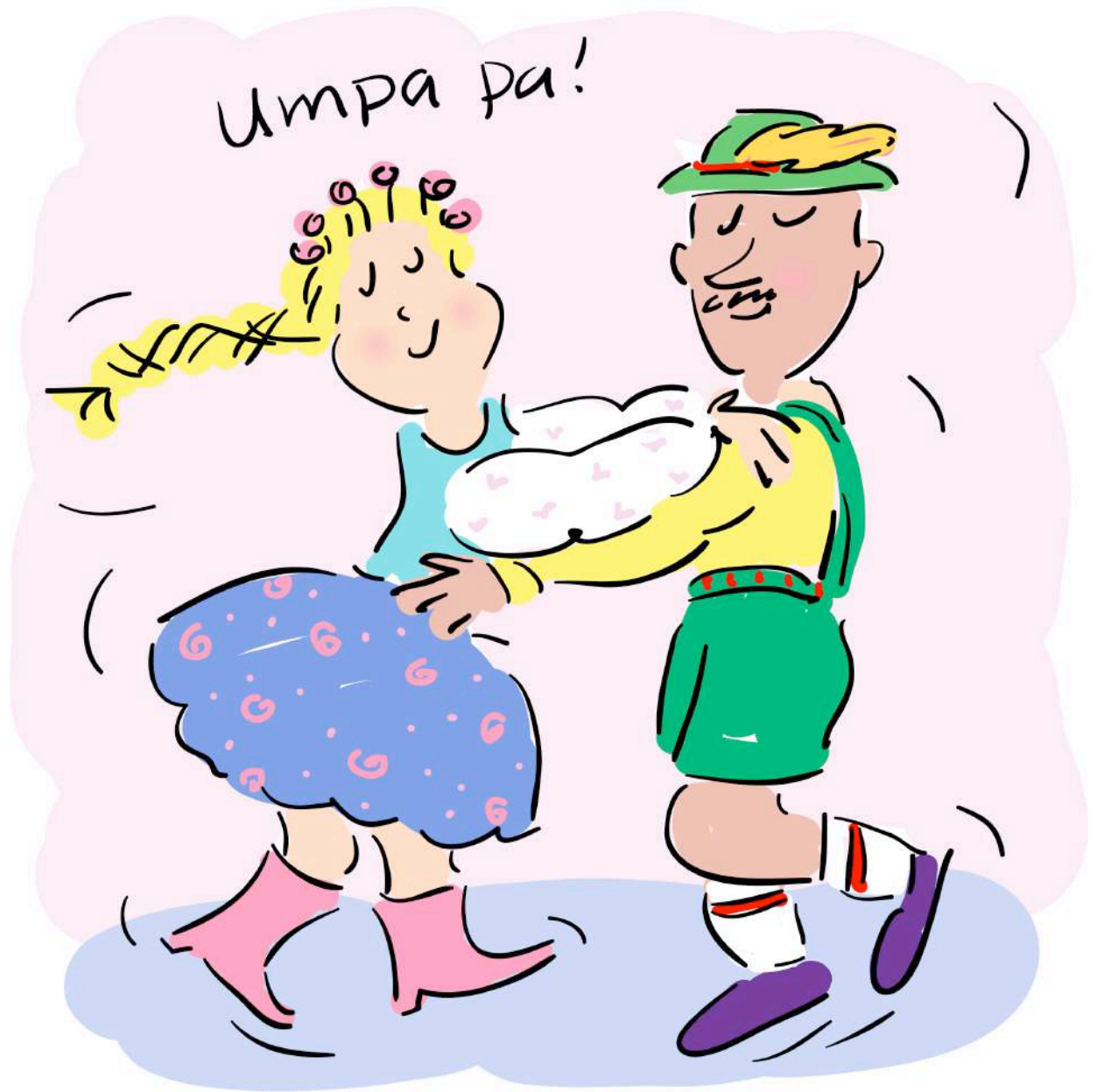
There is square dancing, which requires a group to participate...



And chair dancing in which your arms must hesitate.

In this dance you never leave your seat.

You're only allowed to move your feet.



Germans like their polkas and schottische
And there are jigs for the Irish and Scottish.



There is dancing like Zorba the Greek...



And to do the limbo, the Jamaicans must not be weak.



The proper English prefer tea dancing...



And some at rock concerts swear by free dancing.



There are dances for the bride and groom
And waltzes that fill a ballroom.



There are rumbas and sambas and tangos
And even flamboyant fandangos.



The South Americans never stop with just a few.

They are always coming up with something new.

You might like the cha-cha-cha

Or their delightful cucaracha-cha.



How about a lovely quadrille
Or a simpler dance in the form of a reel?



In France the ladies do the can-can.
But don't try it unless you think you can can.



There are some silly dances like belly dances,
Grizzly bear dances, and tarantella dances.



And there are even dances for loafers called clogging...



And dances for loggers on logs called logging.



There is, of course, fox trotting, bunny hopping,
Jitterbugging, and hip hopping.



Then again you might prefer a line dance.

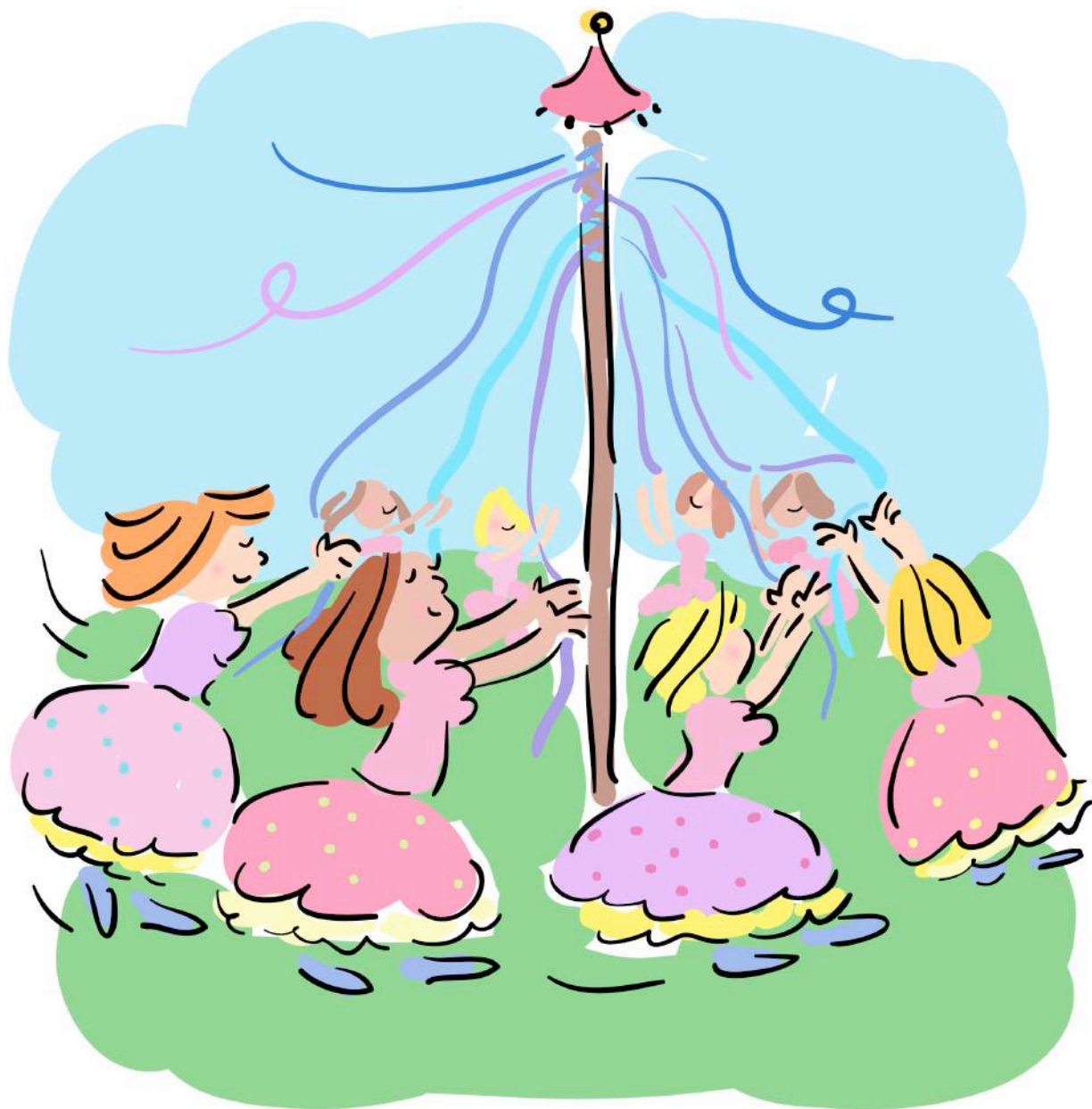
Every cowboy considers it a fine dance.



Tap dancing and the Charleston were popular long ago...



So was the colorful Caribbean calypso.



You might not be up to the Polish mazurka dance
And would wish to join in a gentler May pole dance.



Keep in mind that there are many dances with dips
And many others requiring flips
And still other dances that wiggle hips.”



As Arabella Rose rattles on
Her suggestions begin to catch on.
The crowd begins to pick up their feet.
They discover that dancing is indeed a treat.



She calls out, “It doesn’t matter, choose any style.

Each will lead you to a smile.”



As they boogie-woogie to their hearts' delight
They find that even cowgirls love dancing in the moonlight.



Then they all yell, “Thank you, Arabella Rose,
For unlocking our dancing toes.”

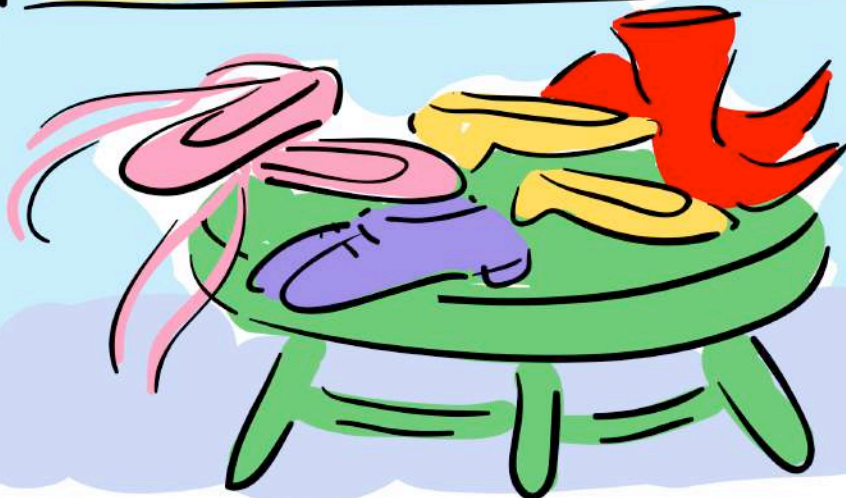


“Now which dance would you choose,
If you had on dancing shoes?”

The end,
but not the end
of dancing.



Dancing with the feet
is one thing.
Dancing with the heart
is another.

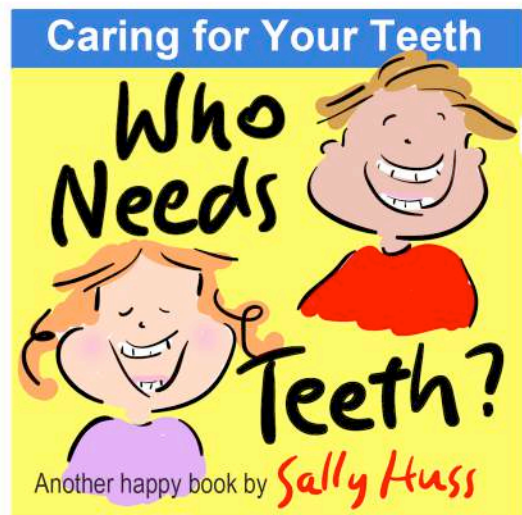
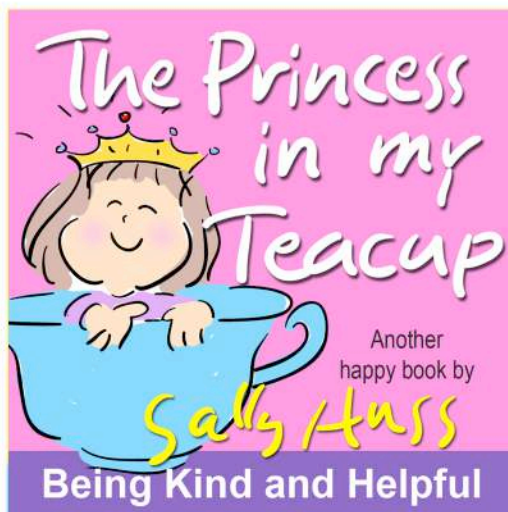
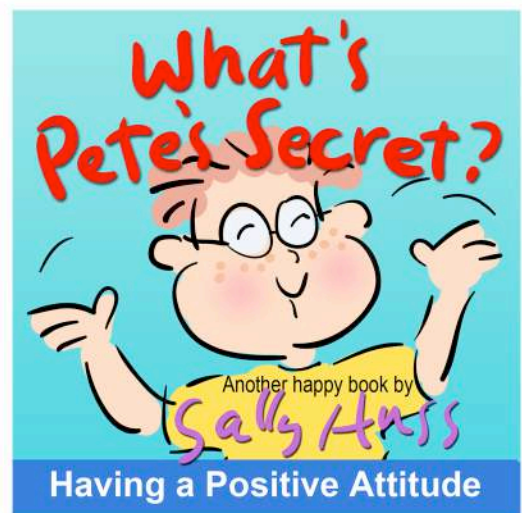
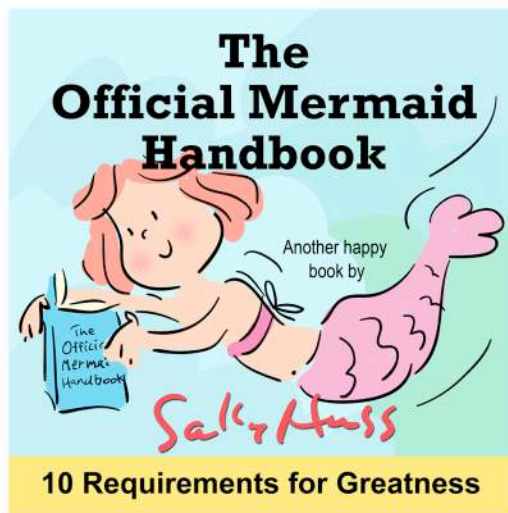


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Sally creates children's books to uplift the lives of children and hopes you will join her in this effort by helping spread her happy messages.

Sally is a graduate of USC with a degree in Fine Art and through the years has had 26 of her own licensed art galleries throughout the world.

This certificate may be cut out, framed, and presented to any child who has earned it.



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_____ (Name)

The child named above is awarded this
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- *Dancing whenever possible
- *Encouraging others to dance and move freely
- *Being happy and joyful at all times

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