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Mieko Dances

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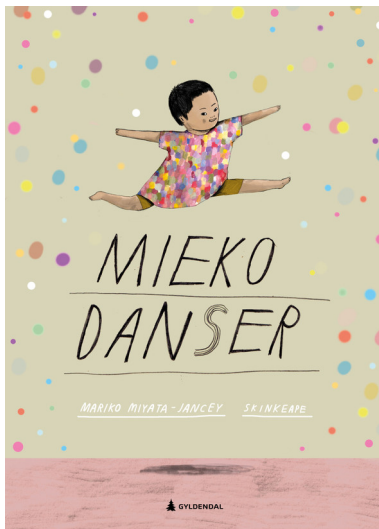
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Lush, charming picture book story!

Mieko loves to dance! Especially when she can wear shorts and a T-shirt instead of those stupid tights and that uncomfortable leotard. Mieko has never spun so fast or jumped so high before! And now Sofia with the smile has started dancing too – that smile that makes her melt inside, that makes it even nicer to be there.

But why has Mieko been put in the jump group? They're all boys!

Illustrated by Marianne Gretteberg Engedal (also known as 'Skinkeape')



'A fresh take on expanding the category of girlhood (...) In the drawings from dance practice, illustrator Skinkeape shows a wonderful variety of kids. Despite the simple lines, the figures' expressions are nuanced, underlining the fact that all personalities are unique.'

Aftenposten

'Mieko dancing is a bubbly, expressive picture book about loving to dance and becoming confident in oneself.'

Foreningen lles

'Light-footed about expanding gender roles and not always dancing to someone else's tune.'

Klassekampen



Photo: From the left: Marianne G. Engedal and Mariko Miyata-Jancey. Photo: Adrian Nielsen/NORLA

Mariko Miyata-Jancey (b. 1989) is a dancer and choreographer, and has extensive experience with teaching and performances aimed at children and young people, as well as being very familiar with the target group as an educator. Miyata-Jancey is currently taking a master's in children's and youth literary writing and communication at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. *Mieko Dances* is her first book.

Marianne Engedal Gretteberg (also known as 'Skinkeape') is a writer, illustrator and chef. In recent years she has caught the attention of critics and prize juries.

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