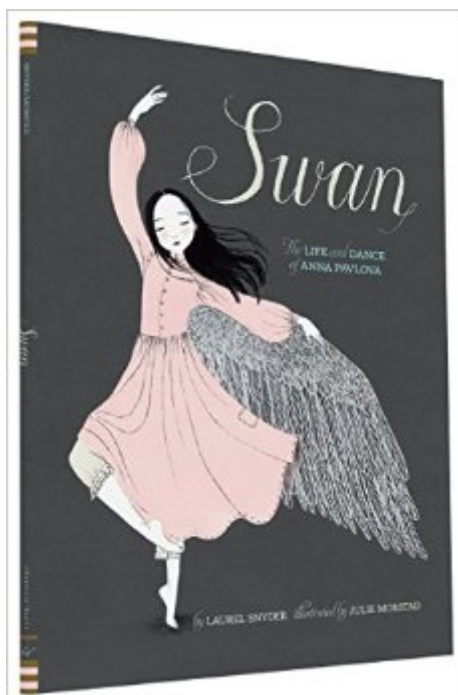


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# Swan: The Life And Dance Of Anna Pavlova



## Synopsis

"Spare, poetic words sit as lightly as snowflakes."--Wall Street Journal  
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One night, young Anna's mother takes her to the ballet, and everything is changed. So begins the journey of a girl who will one day grow up to be the most famous prima ballerina of all time, inspiring legions of dancers after her: the brave, the generous, the transcendently gifted Anna Pavlova. *Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova* is a heartbreakingly beautiful picture book biography perfect for aspiring ballerinas of all ages.

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## Customer Reviews

Laundry hung on a line in the room as the snow swirled outside the window. There was a dress, stockings, pants, and even pantaloons, but nothing seemed to bother Anna as she peered dreamily through the window. *But one night ... / Anna's sleigh / slips up the street. / Her face is cold. / The world is dark. / Mama smiles.* • Living in a room full of laundry was nothing in comparison to the world that would soon open up to that tiny, frail girl. The snow continued to fall, yet the magic of the lights somehow beckoned her. Fashionable people were heading into the building of lights. The stage was magnificent, perhaps something quite unlike anything Anna could have ever imagined. *The story unfolds. A sleeping beauty opens her eyes / ... and so does Anna.* • She sat in the

audience, her face unmoving as she watched the dancers before her. Mama had taken her to the ballet, something she now wanted, something she began to perform in that room full of laundry. She danced as she swept, a girl who could no longer sit still. Anna wanted to dance, really dance on that stage, but she was too small, too tiny to learn how to perform. "Shirt, shirt, laundry. / Shirt, shirt, laundry." • Was there nothing else? Anna would bide her time, two years was a very long time for a little girl. All the young ballerinas were so much taller than she, but would she be accepted at the audition this time? She swirled and lifted her arms over her head as she auditioned, but this time would be hers. Yes! The work began and Anna was willing, more than willing. She was soon ready for the stage, but she was so unlike the other girls. "Her legs too thin, / her feet all wrong" / and ooh, those toes! • The years began to pass by once again. One, two, three, four, five ...

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