

At seventeen, Marta Selbryth leaves home for the first time to pursue her life-long dream: dancing with a professional ballet company.

But no dream is ever easy. As soon as Marta steps off the bus in Billings, Montana, she discovers that her years of training have taught her to dance, but not to meet the relentless rigors of professional ballet—or of life on her own.

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