

# Noel Streatfeild

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**Ballet Shoes for Anna (Essential Modern Classics)** - Noel Streatfeild  
2012-11-01

Having lost their parents in an earthquake, Anna and her siblings live with their prim uncle and feeble aunt. Anna lives only to dance - but her uncle forbids her to have anything to do with ballet. How will she survive?

*Noel Streatfeild* - Barbara Ker Wilson 1961

[The Bell Family](#) - Noel Streatfeild 2014-03-06

Originally published: London: Collins, 1954.

[Noel Streatfeild](#) - Nancy Lyman Huse 1994

In this comprehensive analysis of a woman hailed by her fellow Britons as a "National Monument," Nancy Huse argues that Streatfeild's work challenges the status of "girls' books," described in most criticism as ephemeral or constituting a category separate from "great books." Huse attributes the appeal of Streatfeild's books to their contemporary themes and traditional values and finds that in exploring the tensions of heredity and environment Streatfeild anticipated many contemporary questions about the role of women, the structure of the family, and the implications of the class system. In particular, Huse notes, Streatfeild (in both her children's and adult novels) used the poverty of women and their work in the domestic sphere to link the public with the private worlds shaping

children. Streatfeild's conservative upbringing, rebellious youth, and complex life-long relationship with her family provided material for her novels, according to Huse. Streatfeild developed a conscious perspective on childhood that she used to defend child/adult boundaries while sharpening story forms. At the same time, Huse contends, her multifaceted talent admitted new subjects, character types, themes, and information into the children's book because she assumed competence and intelligent curiosity as the basis of children's contributions to the family and to society. In this vibrant portrait of the life and work of such an innovative children's writer, Huse suggests some meaningful ways to evaluate the family novel, the role of a children's novelist in preserving and constructing a historical record, and the implications of formulaic patterns that derive from female experience.

[The Theatre Cat](#) - Noel Streatfeild 2019-09-05

A picture book by the author of *BALLET SHOES*, available again after almost 70 years! Pinkie the cat works at the ballet theatre as a mouser. He loves watching the dancers, but he's scared of the mice he's meant to catch! What's a ballet-loving cat to do? Rarely seen since its first publication in 1951, this charming time capsule of a book is sure to delight readers of any age.

**The Whicharts** - Noel Streatfeild 2018-09-06

Young, naive and too kind for her own good, Rose falls for a young

Brigadier with a colourful history. Soon after their fling ends he drops a baby off on her doorstep begging her to raise it for his latest mistress. Tender hearted Rosie nurtures the baby into a sophisticated young woman called Marmie - alongside two other baby girls dropped off by the Brigadier - Daisy, a natural born dancer, and Tania who aspires to be a mechanic. But raising three growing girls on very little money after the war is an impossible task, so the girls find a way to earn their keep through a life on the stage. Revealing the toil a dancer goes through backstage and the friendship and love needed to survive it, *The Whicharts* is an exceptional inter-war novel from Carnegie Medal winning author Noel Streatfeild.

Thursday's Child - Sonya Hartnett 2011-05-24

Harper and her family live in a ramshackle house in the country. Her brother, Tin, lives below them, building tunnels. It is the Depression and each of them is coping in their own way. One year their lives are changed forever by the misguided actions of a well heeled neighbour.

The Growing Summer - Noel Streatfeild 2021-05-06

BY THE AUTHOR OF *BALLET SHOES* with beautiful illustrations by Edward Ardizzone 'A joyous, sunlight book. For me, the best Noel Streatfeild of all' HILARY MCKAY "You have a whole wing of the house to yourselves. The glorious world outside to play in. All that the earth brings forth to feed you, and you stand there asking foolish questions until my head reels. Help yourselves, children, help yourselves." Then, flapping her cloak as if to shoo off a clutter of chickens, Great Aunt Dymphna was gone.' Summer will be different for the Gareth children this year. Their father, an epidemiologist, is ill abroad, and their mother must go to help him. So Alex, Penny, Naomi and Robin are sent to Ireland to stay with an eccentric distant relative. Great Aunt Dymphna is like nobody they've ever met. She lives in a ramshackle house, quotes swathes of poetry and flits about like a great bat. And, to the children's consternation, she expects them to fend for themselves. Despite tears and many mishaps, they learn something new every day, and living with Great Aunt Dymphna becomes an adventure.

Theatre Shoes - Noel Streatfeild 2021-07-27

*Theatre Shoes* is part of the wonderful 'Shoes' series of adventures for children by Noel Streatfeild. Every family has its secrets, but it was a huge surprise to the three young Forbeses, fresh from a country vicarage, to discover that their grandmother was a famous actress. Sent to live with her in bombed-out, wartime London, they soon discovered that they were expected to follow in the family footsteps - to the footlights -! As an actress herself, Noel Streatfeild was familiar with all the details of the backstage world of the theatre. She has created an authentic, perceptive and vivid picture of theatrical life - from stage school to auditions to performances. Reissued in 'A Puffin Book' series of Puffin modern classics, along with *Ballet Shoes*, *Circus Shoes* and *Tennis Shoes*, all by Noel Streatfeild.

Circus Shoes - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-06

For the first time ever in the United States, the "Shoes" books are available as ebooks! Travel with the circus in Noel Streatfeild's beloved classic. Peter and Santa are orphans. They know they have an uncle, Gus, who travels with the circus, so they decide to run away to find him. And soon the traveling circus becomes their home! See the circus--the liberty horses, sea lions, dogs, and elephants--through the eyes of this young brother and sister in this classic story! Noel Streatfeild's "Shoes" books are some of the most popular of the thirty-eight books she wrote for children.

Luke - Noel Streatfeild 2018-09-06

Andrew and Freda Dawson are enjoying a happy, second marriage in the English countryside with their collective brood of three children. But their idyllic existence is shattered when Freda finds her husband dead one evening . . . It becomes apparent his death was not from natural causes and all evidence points to suicide, but there are lingering doubts about Freda's role in the death . . . and about the possible role her precocious son Luke could have played. Carnegie Medal winning author Noel Streatfeild delves into the cracks of a seemingly perfect marriage in her interwar family novel, *Luke*.

Skating Shoes - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-06

A skating champion. An unlikely friendship. A fateful pair of white boots.

Read the classic that has captivated generations! It's a stroke of great luck when Harriet Johnson's doctor prescribes skating after an illness that has left her feeling frail and listless. For on her very first day at the rink, Harriet meets orphaned Lalla Moore, who is being brought up by her wealthy aunt Claudia to be a skating champion. Although they have little in common, the girls form a fast friendship. Harriet is energized by talented, funny Lalla, and Lalla in turn blossoms under the affection of openhearted Harriet. The girls skate together more and more. But just as Lalla's interest in skating starts to fade, Harriet's natural talent begins to emerge. Suddenly Lalla and Harriet seem headed in two very different directions. Can their friendship survive? This beloved children's classic is the perfect gift for girls who dream of spending days at the ice rink and becoming a figure skating champion. Adult readers may remember the "Shoes" books from You've Got Mail!

*Theater Shoes* - Noel Streatfeild 2019-11-05

A beautiful gift edition of the beloved classic about three orphan siblings and their love of music, theater, and dance. When orphans Sorrel, Mark, and Holly are sent to live with their grandmother, a famous English actress, she enrolls them in the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training, the same academy that made the orphans from Ballet Shoes famous so long ago. It's the chance of a lifetime, but the academy won't give the children the "proper" education their parents would have wanted. However, the children learn to love the academy when they discover that Sorrel has dramatic flair, Mark can sing, and Holly charms everyone with her adorable impish ways. Maybe talent does run in the family. This classic children's book is perfect for kids who dream of being onstage--dancing, singing, or acting. Don't miss the other classic Noel Streatfeild books Ballet Shoes, Skating Shoes, and Dancing Shoes!

*Thursday's Child* - Noel Streatfeild 2020-04-02

A thrilling, classic children's adventure with a courageous heroine, from the beloved author of Ballet Shoes.

*Aunt Clara* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-09-06

Sixty-two-year-old Clara leads a virtuous life. She spends all her time helping others and she always puts her friends and family first. It's a

shame that nobody, including her four siblings and their myriad of children, ever stops to say thank you and appreciate all she does. . . . until wealthy Uncle Simon comes into her life. Like Clara, Simon never married, never had children and he lived alone - the two understood each other like no one else in the family could. So when Uncle Simon dies, and leaves very specific wishes to Clara in his will, the path of her life changes in ways she could never imagined. Thrown into the world of circuses, greyhound-racing and dubious house-property, Aunt Clara encounters bizarre incidents and an unlikely love story in this enchanting novel from Carnegie Medal winning author, Noel Streatfeild.

*A Vicarage Family* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-09

Part of a stunning new design partnership between Puffin and the Imperial War Museum, this is a charming novel from the bestselling author of Ballet Shoes, featuring a special foreword from Dame Jacqueline Wilson. Once there were three little girls. Isobel, the eldest, was pretty, gentle and artistic; Louise the youngest, was sweet and talented - and then there was Vicky, 'the plain one', the awkward and rebellious one who didn't fit in at school or at home. Growing up in a big family Vicky feels overlooked, but gradually begins to realize that she might not be quite as untalented as she feels . . . A Vicarage Family is the first part in a fictionalized autobiography in which Noel Streatfeild tells the story of her own childhood, painting a poignant and vivid picture of daily life in an impoverished, genteel family in the years leading up to the First World War.

*Noel Streatfeild's Christmas Stories* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-01

'The wonderful Noel Streatfeild's Christmas Stories collects, for the first time, nine festive stories originally written for annuals and magazines in the 1940s and 1950s . . . As ever, Streatfeild's children always feel utterly real and relatable. A beautifully produced treat' Anna Carey, Irish Times In this captivating collection of stories by the author of Ballet Shoes, there are auditions on stage and antics on ice, trips to the pantomime, holiday adventures, and laughter shared with family and friends. Charming, heartwarming and funny, this collection will bring joy to readers of all ages. Originally written in 1940s-60s for annuals,

magazines and the radio, these stories have never been collected before. With enchanting line drawings by Peter Bailey. Stories include: The Audition The Bells Keep Twelfth Night The Moss Rose Thimble The Princess The Chain Christmas at Collers The Pantomime Goose Skating to the Stars

**Ballet Shoes** - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-06

Three orphan girls. A pair of pink slippers. A lifetime in the spotlight. Read the classic that has captivated generations! Pauline, Petrova, and Posy love their quiet life together. They are orphans who have been raised as sisters, and when their new family needs money, the girls want to help. They decide to join the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training to earn their keep. Each girl works hard following her dream. Pauline is destined for the movies. Posy is a born dancer. And Petrova? She finds she'd rather be a pilot than perform a pirouette. This beautiful children's classic is perfect for girls who love to dream about ballet, friendship, and finding their own special talents. Adult readers may remember them as the "Shoes" books from You've Got Mail!

**Party Shoes** - Noel Streatfeild 2002

Near the end of the Second World War, Selina receives a parcel from America that contains a beautiful party dress and shoes. But her excitement turns to sorrow when she realizes she'll never have a chance to wear the beautiful dress, until she and her cousins decide to organize a pageant.

*Beyond the Vicarage* - Noel Streatfeild 1971

*Thursday's Child* - Noel Streatfeild 1986

Ten-year-old Margaret Thursday, an orphan of turn-of-the-century England, is determined to escape from the harsh life at St. Luke's orphanage and to seek her fortune.

Noel Streatfeild, an Annotated Bibliography - 1972

*Apple Bough* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-07-05

So your brother's a world-famous violinist? That's amazing! Or is it? The Forums are a musical family, and one child, Sebastian, shines out as a

prodigy. He is a brilliant violinist and when his talent is recognised, he is wanted the world over. Myra, Wolfgang (named after Mozart) and Ettie thought it was wonderful at first, but after four years of touring the world with their brilliant brother they've changed their minds. Now, what they long for, is a home of their own, not a hotel in Vienna or Venice or Moscow. But to their mother and father, a life of travel is exciting - all any child could want. How can the children make the grown-ups see sense? Myra makes a plan - 'Operation Home' - and is determined to make it succeed.

Bluey: Bingo - Bluey 2022-09-01

Can Bingo find a way to play by herself? Bluey is off to play at Chloe's house for the day and mum and dad are busy - can Bingo find a game to play by herself to keep busy? Maybe she needs a problem to solve . . . Join Bingo on an adventure around the house in this fun story from the hit TV show Bluey! Want more Bluey? Also available: Bluey: Meet Bluey! Sticker Activity Book Bluey: Little Library Bluey: Daddy Putdown

**Gemma** - Noel Streatfeild 1968

Accustomed to a glamorous life as a famous young movie star, eleven-year-old Gemma is horrified when, because of her mother's film career, she is sent to live with her "dull" and unknown cousins in a small industrial town. Suggested level: primary, intermediate.

*Movie Shoes* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-06

For the first time ever in the United States, the "Shoes" books are available as ebooks! Go behind the scenes of a movie in this beloved classic! Life is tough for the Winter family in London, with little money and Dad out of work. Luckily, Aunt Cora comes to the rescue with an invitation to live in California. From that moment on, talented Rachel and Tim dream of stardom in America. The family couldn't be more surprised when a movie producer picks plain, peevish Jane for the lead role of Mary in *The Secret Garden*. No one's ever noticed Jane before. Could this be the chance of a lifetime? Noel Streatfeild's "Shoes" books are some of the most popular of the thirty-eight books she wrote for children.

**Noel Streatfeild's Holiday Stories** - Noel Streatfeild 2019-06-20

A NEW COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY STORIES BY THE BELOVED

AUTHOR OF BALLETS SHOES. PERFECT READING FOR LONG SUMMER DAYS. In this captivating new collection, there are stories for every reader to enjoy: unforgettable holidays and unlikely friendships, crime-solving adventures and dancers in the spotlight for the very first time. Originally written for annuals and magazines from the 1930s-70s, these newly discovered stories will be treasured by Noel Streatfeild fans of all ages. Featuring beautiful illustrations by PETER BAILEY Stories include: The Plain One Devon Mettle Chicken for Supper Flag's Circus The Secret Coralie Ordinary Me Cows Eat Flowers Andrew's Trout The Old Fool Let's Go Coaching Howard The Quiet Holiday Roberta Green Silk

**Theatre Shoes** - Noel Streatfeild 2015-06-30

This captivating companion to Ballet Shoes tells the story of 3 orphans who become students at a famous theatre school After their father disappeared in the war, Sorrell, Holly, and Mark Forbes were sent to live with their grandfather. When he dies, the three orphans are on the move again—this time to London, where their maternal grandmother is a well-known actress. The city is a strange, bustling place that frightens young Holly, but the siblings' new home at 14 Ponsonby Square has a garden that instantly enchants them. Their grandmother enrolls them at the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training, where they'll carry on the tradition of their famous theatre family, which includes cousins they never knew they had. Stuck-up Miranda thinks she can act better than Sorrell; homesick Mark discovers he can sing; and Holly is a natural dancer. Will Sorrell, Holly, and Mark live up to their family legacy?

**The Bell Family** - Noel Streatfeild 2014-03-06

If you love Noel Streatfeild's Ballet Shoes, you'll adore The Bell Family. 'Well, little people, what's the news?' Meet the big, happy Bell family who live in the vicarage at St Marks. Father is a reverend, Mother is as kind as kind can be. Then there's all the children - practical Paul, dancing Jane, mischievous Ginnie, and finally the baby of the family, Angus, whose ambition is to own a private zoo (he has already begun with his six boxes of caterpillars). And not forgetting Esau, a surefire competitor for the most beautiful dog in Britain. Follow their eventful

lives from tense auditions to birthday treats; from troubled times to hilarious escapades. Includes exclusive material: In the Backstory you can find out which one of the Bell children you most resemble! Vintage Children's Classics is a twenty-first century classics list aimed at 8-12 year olds and the adults in their lives. Discover timeless favourites from Peter Pan and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland to modern classics such as The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

**White Boots** - Noel Streatfeild 2008

Harriet must choose between her friend Lalla and her new-found love of ice-skating...

**The First Book of the Ballet** - Noel Streatfeild 2021-09-09

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**Dancing Shoes** - Noel Streatfeild 2018-11-06

A beautiful gift edition of the beloved classic about two orphan sisters and their newfound love of theater and dance. After losing their mother, Rachel and her adopted sister Hilary move in with their aunt, Cora Wintle. Cora runs a dancing school in London, and she thinks that Hilary would be perfect for her dancing troupe, Wintle's Little Wonders! The only problem is that Hilary might be as good as Cora's own precious daughter, Dulcie. Still, Cora is determined to make sulky Rachel and sprightly Hilary members of her dance troupe. But Rachel doesn't want

to be a Little Wonder! She can't dance and feels silly in her the ruffly costume. Nothing seems to be going as planned, until Rachel discovers her talent for acting. . . . This classic children's book is perfect for kids who dream of being on stage, whether it be dancing or acting. And don't miss the other classic Noel Streatfeild titles, Ballet Shoes, Skating Shoes, and Theater Shoes!

*Far to Go* - Noel Streatfeild 1976

Sequel to Thursday's child. Margaret is now an actress.

*It Pays to Be Good* - Noel Streatfeild 2018-09-06

Flossie Elk was an astonishingly beautiful baby. But whilst her mother Fanny encouraged Flossie to use the power of those dazzling looks, her greengrocer father George stood by the belief that "Beauty is a lure of Satan." When the First World War breaks out and George joins the army, Fanny sends her daughter to dance academy where Flossie's beauty can shine like it's never been able to before. Not before long Flossie is given a starring role on stage, but with less than honourable intentions . . . Carnegie Award winning author Noel Streatfeild explores the dark side of the backstage world, which she knows all too well from her own life, in this witty and enchanting wartime novel, *It Pays to be Good*.

*Tennis Shoes* - Noel Streatfeild 2021-07-27

Reissued in 'A Puffin Book' series of best-loved children's classics, this is a sharp and funny story that follows in the footsteps of Ballet Shoes, Theatre Shoes, Circus Shoes and Party Shoes by Noel Streatfeild. In TENNIS SHOES the Heath children area found to have tennis in their

blood. Their grandfather and father before them had been top players, and the twins are champion material. Then Nicky - cheeky, rebellious Nicky - starts to practise in secret, but talented at tennis as she is, the ambitious Nicky first has battles to win with herself - on and off the tennis court.

*The Circus is Coming* - Noel Streatfeild 1942

**Noel Streatfeild** - Angela Bull 1984

Noel Streatfeild has been well known as an author for fifty years, particularly for her books for children.

**White Boots** - Noel Streatfeild 2015-10-01

The author of children s classic Ballet Shoes delights with a best-loved story of ice skating rivalry If you pass your inter-silver, I ll tell Aunt Claudia that I don t want to work with you any more. Harriet is told that she must take up ice-skating in order to improve her health. She isn t much good at it, until she meets Lalla Moore, a young skating star. Now Harriet is getting better and better on the ice, and Lalla doesn t like it. Does Harriet want to save their friendship more than she wants to skate?"

*Saplings* - Noel Streatfeild 2009-04

A novel about a happy, successful, middle-class, pre-war family, and the disintegration and devastation that the Second World War brought on.

*The Painted Garden* - Noel Streatfeild 1949