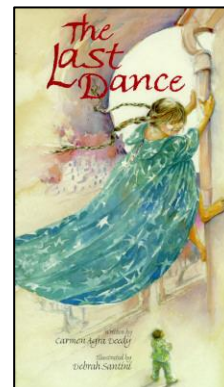


<b>THE LAST DANCE</b>	
<b>Author / Illustrator:</b>	<b>ISBN – 13:</b>
Carmen Agra Deedy / Debrah Santini	9781561456871
<b>Retail Price:</b>	<b>Pub Date:</b>
\$8.95	1/22
<b>Category:</b>	<b>Trim size:</b>
Picture book	PB: 7x12½
<b>Page count:</b>	<b>Age Range / Grade Range:</b>
32 pages	8-12 / 3-6
<b>Territory:</b>	<b>Rights:</b>
World	All rights available
<b>BISAC Codes:</b>	
JUV039030 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Death, Grief, Bereavement	
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**Sales Handle:**

A beautiful picture book for older readers about life, death, and the enduring power of love from award-winning author and storyteller Carmen Agra Deedy.

**Description:**

Bessie and Ninny are the best of friends. Sometimes on milk-moon nights, Ninny throws buttons at Bessie's window. When Bessie peeps outside, Ninny sings: "Bessie, oh Bessie! Come dance with me! For I hate to dance alone, Where the old men sleep, And the women weep, And the wild, fey children roam." Down the drainpipe Bessie slides to visit Ninny, and off they go.

Most nights, they visit the grave of Ninny's grandfather, Oppa. It was Oppa who taught them three things that they will never forget: To dance, to sing, and to tell stories. Oppa's wisdom ultimately inspires a pact between the two young friends—a pact that binds them together through love and marriage, war and separation, birth and death.

In the simple but extraordinary story, award-winning author Carmen Agra Deedy speaks to each of us about the value of promises and the limitless power of love. Share *The Last Dance* with someone you love.

**Sales Points:**

- From New York Times bestselling author comes a story full of fluid prose and flair for imagery with a sweet, sentimental message that will resonate with current events.
- Santini's impressionistic watercolors, rendered in muted shades of rose, smoke blue, and browns, effectively capture the bittersweet mood of the story.
- Teaches young readers, "Those we love are never really gone as long as their stories are told"

**Author Bio and Residence:**

Carmen Agra Deedy is a New York Times bestselling author and has been writing and traveling around the world telling stories for more than twenty years. Her books, including *14 Cows for America*, *The Library Dragon*, *The Yellow Star*, and *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach* have received numerous awards and honors. Carmen has performed in many prestigious venues, but children are her favorite audience. Born in Havana, Cuba, she came to the United States as a refugee and sees the world from multiple perspectives.

Author Residence: Stone Mountain, Georgia

**Illustrator Bio and Residence:**

Debrah Santini has illustrated a number of children's books. She holds an MFA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is a faculty member of the art department at West Georgia College.

Illustrator Residence: Carrollton, Georgia

**Comparison Titles:**

Title	ISBN	Publisher	Pub date	Price
Pay Attention Carter Jones	9780358346302	Clarion	11/03/20	\$7.99
Stars Beneath Our Feet	9781524701277	Yearling	1/08/19	\$7.99
Line Tender	9780735231610	Puffin	4/21/20	\$8.99

**Author's previous books:**

Title	ISBN	Publisher	Pub date	Price
Agatha's Feather Bed	9781561450961	Peachtree	7/19/95	\$7.95
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach	9781561457878	Peachtree	3/25/14	\$8.95
14 Cows for America	9781561459612	Peachtree	8/1/16	\$8.99
Last Dance	9781561451908	Peachtree	10/01/95	\$16.95

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- Grieving and Loss Roundups
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