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Liffey Rivers And The Mystery Of The Sparkling Solo Dress Crown (Liffey Rivers Irish Dancer Mysteries)



Synopsis

There is more excitement at this Celtic Arch Feis in St. Louis than 13-year-old Irish dancer Liffey Rivers could have possibly imagined. As Liffey is power-walking around the feis hotel lobby preparing for the next day's dance competition, (where she is determined to win a 1st place medal to qualify for her first solo dress) she notices a suspicious-looking man with a white stripe running down the back of his dark hair, like a skunk. Liffey observes that he is carrying a shopping bag with a beautiful porcelain Irish dancer doll peeking out. The doll is wearing a dazzling diamond solo dress crown but Liffey can tell that something is wrong with the doll and follows the 'skunk man' to get a better look. In her pursuit for answers, she finds herself not only competing for a medal, but taking decisive action to thwart a criminal conspiracy. After a series of close calls and in a state of near collapse, Liffey Rivers unravels the mystery of the sparkling solo dress crown."

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Customer Reviews

"Think Nancy Drew meets the Irish dance world. Anyone who loves Irish dance will enjoy reading about Liffey's adventures." - Irish Central-NYC
"This series of "Tween" books by Brenna Briggs has everything: a great mystery, Irish culture, and plenty of Irish dancing. Brenna Briggs writes with flair and passion, and her novels fill a yawning, gaping hole in literature for Irish-American girls." - BellaOnline- Irish Culture Editor
Once you've started reading it, you'll find it very hard to put down. It's definitely a good read for any Irish dancer. -- IRISH DANCING AND CULTURE MAGAZINE

There is more excitement at this feis than Liffey Rivers could have ever imagined! Will she finally win a 1st place in her soft shoe jig (her best dance step) and get her very own solo dress at last? Or will she again get a "good, but not good enough" 2nd or 3rd place? And who is that man Liffey sees standing by the elevators with the streak of white hair running down the back of his head (like a skunk) and what is he up to? Liffey has seen him before. He is carrying a shopping bag with a beautiful curly-haired Irish dancer doll peeking out. Liffey can see that the doll is wearing a dazzling diamond solo dress crown...but something is wrong...."

Liffey Rivers is a great series of books about an teenage Irish dancer whose mother died when she was very young, Liffey eats spaghetti and meatballs the night before competition and bagels the morning of the event. The thing Liffey wants most is to earn her very own solo dress. Liffey is also always getting into trouble. In the first book Liffey is attending a dance competition when she sees a doll in a jumper with a suspiciously sparkly crown. The Liffey Rivers series is great for everyone ranging from competitive Irish dancers to their brothers who think Irish dance is just hopping around on one foot! The Liffey Rivers series is definitely a series you'll want to read over and over and over again.

This story should appeal to both elementary and middle school girls with it's thirteen-year-old heroine and combination of mystery and Irish dance. I was nine when I first read a Nancy Drew mystery and enjoyed them for many years. Liffey may be following in Nancy's footsteps with her lawyer father, keen observation and fey sense of approaching danger. Things Irish are popular now, especially the dance and Ms. Briggs has obviously had some experience in that competitive world. There is a glossary of Irish dance terms plus historical and geographical tidbits fused into the story line for a little painless education. Even as an adult, I enjoyed and learned from this book and will be giving several as gifts this holiday season.

My daughter is an Irish Dancer which is what prompted her to read this series of Liffy River books. Liffy is an Irish Dancer and modern day Nancy Drew. You don't have to be an Irish Dancer to enjoy these books though. Great for 8-12 yr olds, or the big kid at heart.

Very cute book for the tweener-to-young-teen Irish Dance set! Great length, and a good mystery. Left me wanting to learn more about Liffey herself; thank goodness there are many more books in the series!

We love the Liffey Rivers books. With my daughter being an Irish dancer, she is always so excited to read what adventure this fellow dancer will have and what mystery she will solve. We love the little facts that are woven into the story. Whether an Irish dancer or not, this is a great fun mystery series for any 8-14 year old reader.

it was for my daughters friend. she loves the story- they are both 8 and they both are taking irish dance - their 3rd year

Very cleverly written to tie in a mystery with Irish Dance, LOVE IT!

I am an adult, but I really enjoyed reading this to my girls! I enjoy mysteries and this was just great. Since my daughters are Irish dancers it made it all the more appealing. Read it!

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