Dancing Your Dreams

Written & Fllustrated by Niveen Lolas Once upon a time in a small Palestinian town there lived a girl who dreamed of being a Latin Dance star.

She spent days imagining herself on stage, performing in front of crowds.

However, there was one little problem, she did not know how to dance and knew of no Latin Dance teachers in all of Palestine.





She began to study and teach herself by using the internet and watching dance competitions on television.

She would train in her bedroom all day long.

One day a man passed by her house and caught a glimpse of her practicing through her window.

He had never seen another person dancing this style in Palestine before.
He happened to be a dance teacher and studied many Latin dance styles in Argentina.

Because he saw how hard she practiced and her passion for dance he decided to coach her.

With her parents permission he came to her home everyday to work with her.

The trainings were very difficult and learning the choreography was stressful, but she was a determined girl.

She practiced long into the night after he left.





She learned many styles, including:

Bachata,

Hamenco,

Mambo,

Merengue,

Rumba,

Salsa,

and Samba.

Her favorite dance was Flamenco, and with practice she got rather good at it.

Once he began to see her talent grow he decided to move their practices to his studio.

It was a big room with a wall of mirrors, and with the extra space it was easy to see the strength that had developed in her technique.

They decided to enroll in an upcoming dance competition and the excitement that came with working towards a goal like that was ever so motivating.





They practiced several routines each day and quickly learned to dance as one.

The passion that they danced with came from their hearts and showed in their movement.

Before long they were ready to compete.

When they arrived at the competition they noticed that they were the only Latin dancers in the entire place. Thinking that the judges would not understand their dance style made them feel nervous to compete.

But they did not give up.

They danced like never before into the finals.

It seemed when it was their turn everyone came out to watch this new style of dancing.

They all clapped and cheered, even the judges couldn't keep the smiles off their faces.

In the end they won the entire competition! But, better then that, they had introduced a new style of dance to Palestine.

