For Alexander, Ethan, Oliver & Emilio





Born November 18, 1958, Evelyn Cisneros was the first Mexican-American prima ballerina in the United States. In an effort to help eight-year-old Evelyn overcome her shyness, her mother signed her up for ballet classes. Evelyn slowly realized that dance was a form of expression; she could perform the work her mouth struggled to express. In 1974, she received a summer scholarship to the School of Ballet, followed by an internship with the San Francisco Ballet in 1976. She officially joined the San Francisco Ballet in 1979 where she danced for 23 years. In September 2020, the Frederick Quinney Lawson Ballet West Academy appointed Evelyn as Director. To this day, Evelyn Cisneros continues to take center stage in our hearts.

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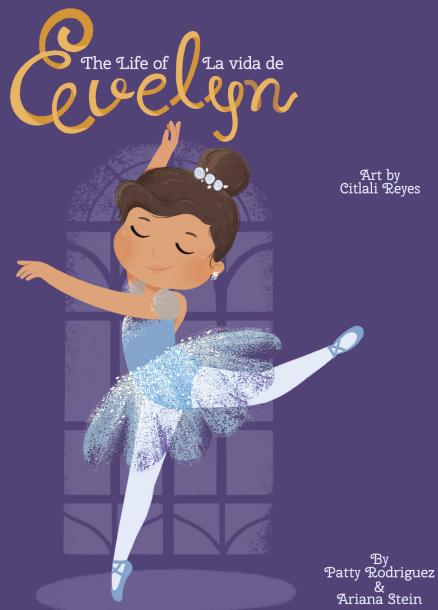
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Evelyn was very shy as a young girl. Her mom thought ballet would help overcome her shyness, so she enrolled her in dance classes.

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Evelyn era una joven muy tímida. Su mamá pensó que el ballet le ayudaría con su timidez, así que la inscribió en clases de baile.



Many times, Evelyn felt excluded because of the color of her skin. Even though she felt rejected, dancing always made her world much happier.



Muchas veces Evelyn se sintió excluida por el color de su piel. Aunque se sentía rechazada, el baile siempre hizo su mundo más feliz.



Her perseverance and dedication allowed her to earn a scholarship to one of the best ballet schools in the country.

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Su perseverancia y dedicación le permitieron obtener una beca para una de las mejores escuelas de ballet en el país.



