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**White Boots** HarperCollins UK  
Big events and small incidents in the day-to-day life of the family of an English clergyman.

*The Noel Streatfeild Christmas Holiday Book* Pan Macmillan

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.

**The Painted Garden** Virago  
"Harriet's best friend Lalla dreams of being the best skater in the world - but when Harriet discovers her own natural talent on the ice, the girls' friendship comes under threat. Will Harriet choose Lalla, or her own glittering future?"-- Publisher's description.

*The Growing Summer* Yearling  
Abandoned as babies on the doorstep of television star, Malcolm Masters, Thomas, Lucy, Margery, and William also become TV performers, but problems arise when Malcolm goes off on an

extended cruise, leaving the children behind.

*The Circus is Coming* Random House  
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 Bell Family* Pan Macmillan  
Winner of the Carnegie Medal:  
Threatened with being sent to separate orphanages, a brother and sister run away and join the circus When the aunt who raised them dies, 12-year-old Peter and his 11-year-old sister, Santa, face their greatest fear: being sent to separate orphanages. Vowing to stay together, they track down their only remaining relative. Uncle Gus, the black sheep of the family, has been with Cob's Circus since the war. Peter and Santa arrive just in time to see the caravans pull up. Almost before their eyes, the tents appear and an extraordinary world comes to life. They meet Alexis Petoff and his family of acrobats; the Schmidt twins and their amazing sea lions; Lorenzo, the ornery waltzing-horse; and a trick poodle named Mis. Soon, Santa is

practicing tumbling and Peter is learning to ride. They feel like they are part of the circus community. But life under the big top is hard work, and Santa and Peter will have to rise to the challenge or leave the one place they can finally call home.

Noel Streatfeild New York : Twayne ; Toronto : Maxwell Macmillan Canada ; New York : Maxwell Macmillan International

Christmas with the Chrystals is a gorgeous short story about how an influx of cheery young cousins at Christmas warms the heart of a haughty grandmother and lights up her chilly home. This very special Yuletide story is accompanied by several Streatfeild Christmas extracts from her many children's novels, including an (almost) never-before-seen sequel chapter to her bestseller Ballet Shoes. There are also recollections of the author's own childhood Christmases (taken from the Noel Streatfeild Christmas Holiday Book). *Bluey: Bingo* Open Road Media

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*.

**Traveling Shoes** HarperCollins UK  
A NEW COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY

STORIES BY THE BELOVED AUTHOR OF *BALLET 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* *Thursday's Child* Random House Books for Young Readers

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?

**Aunt Clara** Oxford University Press, USA  
 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.

*Ballet Shoes* Virago

Originally published: London: Collins, 1954.

The Noel Streatfeild Birthday Story Book  
 Yearling

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.

*Noel Streatfeild, Etc. [With a Portrait and a List of Her Works.]*. National Geographic Books

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*!

**Christmas with the Chrystals & Other Stories** Yearling

"First published in 1945 by Collins"--  
 Copyright page.

**The Noel Streatfeild Christmas Holiday Book** Persephone Books

A wonderful story of music and family and finding home, from the beloved

author of Ballet Shoes. 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.

*Family Shoes* Pan Macmillan

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

*Far To Go* Virago

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

**New Shoes** HarperCollins Children's Books

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. The perfect Christmas gift for ballet-loving children. Includes exclusive material: In the Backstory you can find out which one of the Bell children you most resemble!

*It Pays to Be Good* Random House

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!