

One Wrong Turn

by **CHENÉE MARRAPODI**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Expectations are high at the Perth Ballet Academy, and no one is feeling the pressure more than young dancers Amelia Scott and Valentina Giorgi. Both girls have a lot to prove and even more to lose when they take to the stage in the Academy's production of *Cinderella*.

With ex-ballet dancers as parents, fourteen-year-old Amelia's whole world revolves around dance. Her sights are set on becoming a professional ballerina and she won't let anything, or anyone, get in her way.

Valentina's the new kid at the Academy and Amelia's biggest competition. She recently migrated to Australia from a tiny town in Italy's south, where tradition is valued above all else. Girls aren't supposed to grow up to be ballerinas, but Valentina is determined to do just that.

Set in an elite dance academy, *One Wrong Turn* is a compelling coming-of-age novel depicting the athleticism and resilience required of dancers.

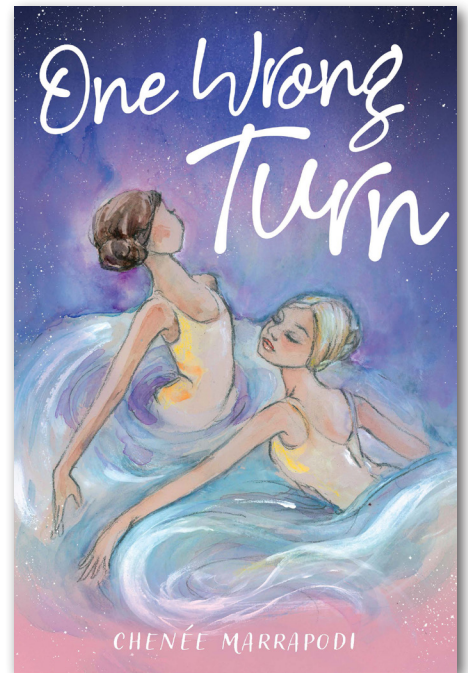
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chenée Marrapodi is a writer and podcaster based in Perth, Western Australia. A love of storytelling led Chenée to a career in journalism. She has worked in media for many years, currently for Channel Nine News, and formerly as a reporter for Channel Seven's *Today Tonight*, as well as online news and radio. Chenée's love of words is rivalled only by her love of dance, with the two often becoming intertwined. *One Wrong Turn* is her debut novel.



NOTES

- The author has danced since the age of five and has firsthand experience of the blood, sweat and tears of ballet.
- The author is fluent in Italian but, like Valentina, she knows the pressure of trying to learn dance steps when you're in a new country. Chenée lived in Italy for just over a year, where she danced at a local school. Her struggles trying to translate Italian while dancing are mirrored in Valentina, who has English as a second language. Valentina's family has migrated from a tiny town in Italy's south, inspired by the town the author's grandparents migrated from.
- Chenée is a passionate promoter of dance and writing for young people. She is also a podcaster and hosts the *Writers off the Page* podcast where she interviews fellow authors: www.cheneemarrapodi.com.



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