FAMOUS BALLETS

What do ballet and books have in common? They both tell stories!
In this activity, match the famous ballets with their storylines.

THE BALLETS

Swan Lake, The Nutcracker, Coppélia, Cinderella, Giselle, Romeo and Juliet

THE STORIES

When a young girl's father dies, she is left in the care of her cruel stepmother. She is helped by a fairy godmother, who sends her to a ball to win the heart of a handsome prince. When the spell is broken at midnight, the girl flees the ball, leaving behind one of her shoes.
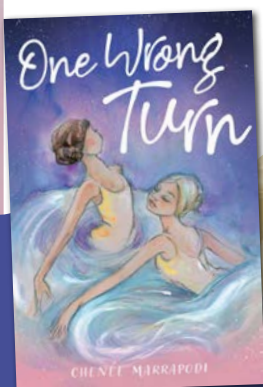
An evil sorcerer casts a spell on Odette that transforms her into a swan, only allowing her to return to human form for a few hours each night. The only thing that can break the spell is true love and the evil sorcerer will do everything in his power to stop it.

An eccentric inventor creates a doll that is so life-like that he is able to fool villagers into thinking she is real. The inventor becomes so enamoured with the doll that he tries to use magic to bring her to life.

A peasant girl falls in love with a disguised duke. When she discovers he is already engaged to be married, she goes mad with grief and dies. She joins the Wilis – the ghosts of those betrayed by love – who capture men and make them dance to their death.

At a family Christmas party, Clara is given a wooden doll which overnight, comes to life and takes her on a magical adventure. The pair battle the Mouse King, travel through many magical lands and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. Clara wakes on Christmas morning wondering if it was all a dream.

A boy and girl from feuding families fall in love. To avoid marrying someone else, the girl fakes her own death by drinking a potion that makes her seem lifeless. Thinking she is dead, the boy kills himself. The girl wakes, sees his corpse, and dies too.

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