

Breaking Pointe

by **CHENÉE MARRAPODI**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Amelia loves ballet more than anything, but the sudden arrival of an intense new teacher shifts the Academy focus from classical to contemporary dance. Amelia is out of her depth with the edgy choreography and unsettled by its world-ending theme, especially when a shock diagnosis really might bring her life crashing down. Valentina is completely at home with the new style but has troubles off the dance floor. As she desperately strives to secure a scholarship and save her dance career, money problems and an unexpected romance have her in a complete spin. With so much at breaking point, the girls will need to decide what really matters before everything falls apart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chenée Marrapodi is an Australian writer and podcaster. 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. Her books, *One Wrong Turn* and *Breaking Pointe*, are the perfect combination of the two.



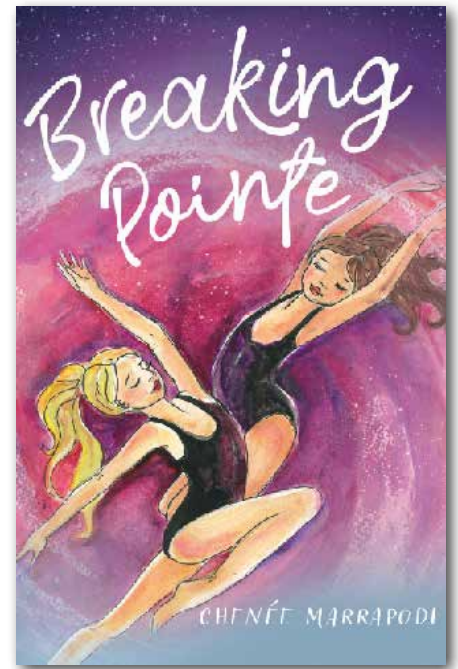
NOTES

- Lead character Amelia is dealing with Type 1 Diabetes, a disease Chenée is very familiar with. She worked closely with Perth Children's Hospital and the Type 1 Family Centre to ensure it is depicted accurately.
- Meanwhile lead character Valentina is dealing with the cost of living crisis and what that might mean for her dance lessons and dance career.
- Chenée is a passionate promoter of dance and writing for younger people, and has been dancing since she was five years old. .
- Despite being a well-connected and successful journalist, Chenée has experienced lots of setbacks along the way (her first book rejection came in at 12 years old), but just like her characters she is determined to achieve her goals, no matter how long it takes
- She hosts her own podcast called Writers off the Page where she interviews fellow authors.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'This is a wonderful story of ballet, friendship and growing up.'
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'A page-turner in its suspenseful structure, presenting a range of teenage challenges with insight, understanding and wisdom.'
Reading



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