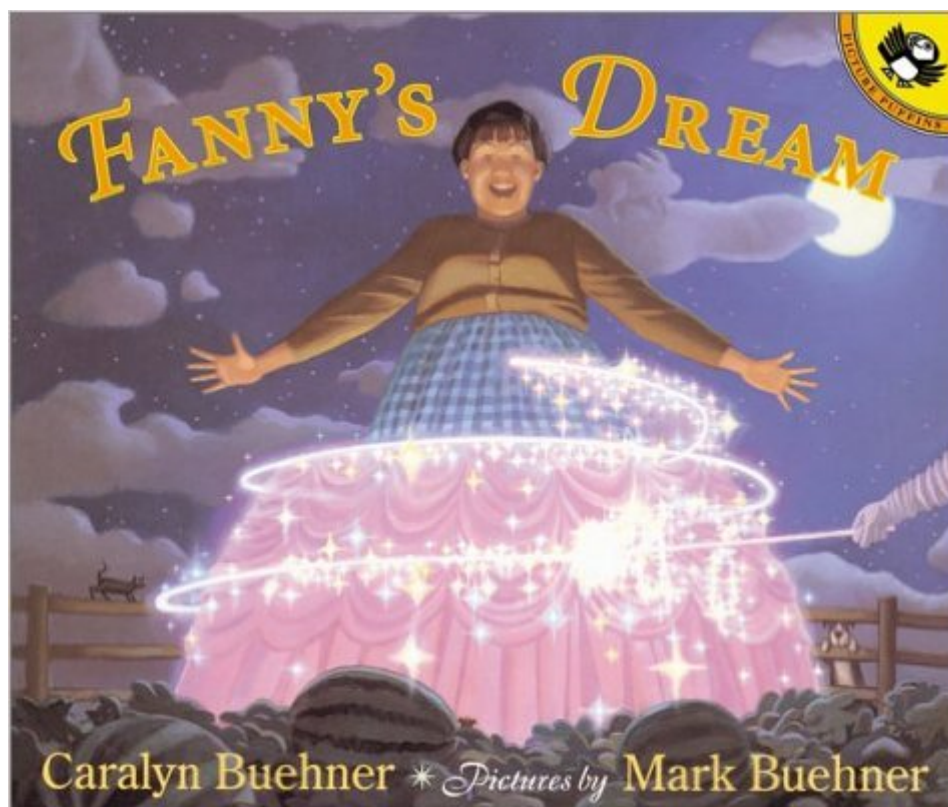


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# Fanny's Dream (Picture Puffins)



## Synopsis

In this inventive take on the traditional Cinderella tale, Fanny Agnes is a sturdy farm girl with a big dream. Someday, she believes, she will marry a prince. When the town mayor announces he is throwing a grand ball, Fanny is convinced her time has come. She puts on her best calico dress and goes out to the garden so that she'll be ready when her fairy godmother arrives. As the seconds tick by, Fanny waits and waits. Finally, she hears a voice. It isn't her fairy godmother-but it is someone who will change her life forever.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

I first came across this book when I looked up the reviews of Crystal Kendrick, after she wrote a one-star review of another one of my favorite books, *Smoky Mountain Rose: An Appalachian Cinderella*. I know this might sound ugly, but because she wrote a negative review of a book I have really liked for over a decade, I thought, well, if she doesn't like this book either, maybe I should get it and read it for myself. I will say that, in a way, this book is a little sad. Fanny gives up her dream of marrying a prince (or the mayor's son), but by the end of the story, you can see that she actually realized the husband she had was a true prince. Yes, dreams are good. But, there comes a point,

when we all have to grow up and realize that 99.9% are never going to live in a fairytale castle and marry a prince. If you are only 5 feet tall, you eventually have to wake up and realize that you're probably not going to become a professional basketball player. That's life. That's reality. I think fairytales are fine, but I do also think that kids should be shown some realism too rather than going through childhood with everyone always telling them they can do anything they want and then hitting adulthood and having reality smack them in the head. As for criticizing it because Fanny is described as stout and plain, well, most of us aren't movie-star gorgeous like the heroines of fairytales, right? Isn't that part of the problem today, that everyone thinks they have to measure up to the looks of models and actors? If any story is going to be criticized, shouldn't it be the fairytales that paint a rosy picture that we should be sweet and beautiful (and of course, have perfect soprano voices) and we'll live in a big castle with a handsome prince? That's not realistic.

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