

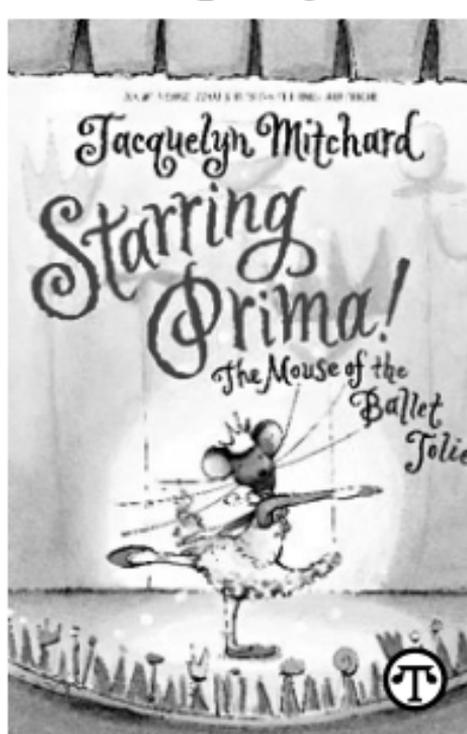


Children's Books

Best-Selling Author Makes Debut In Children's Fiction

(NAPSA)—A star is born! And though she is born in a piano at the famous Ballet Jolie—into a family of mouselets—she is no less a star!

Jacquelyn Mitchard is one of



America's best-selling authors. In "Starring Prima," (Harper Collins, \$15.99), her first novel for young readers, she employs the same eye for detail, ear for dialogue and affectionate

characterizations that fill her adult books.

Mitchard, the best-selling author of "The Deep End of the Ocean," "A Theory of Relativity," and "Twelve Times Blessed," is widely acclaimed for her literary achievements, but until now, few people have been aware that she is also a "trusted one"—a human who has been welcomed into mouse society. She became a "trusted one," when she rescued a family of mice from a trombone in high school.

Prima is a talented and precocious young mouse. From the day she was born, it was obvious she was destined to become the lead dancer with the Ballet Rodente. Such an honor would be enough for any other mouselet, but not for Prima! She won't be satisfied until she shares her talent with all creatures—including a close friendship with a child and a curious house cat

"Starring Prima" is everything imaginative children could wish for. The book is available wherever books are sold.