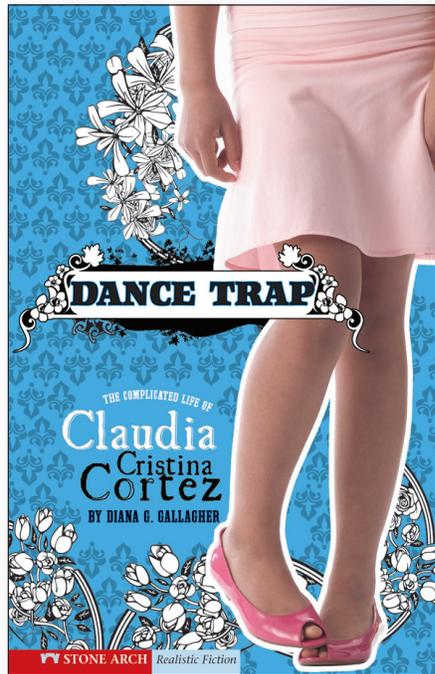




## READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



### **Dance Trap** by **Diana G. Gallagher**

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- Characters:**
- Claudia's Thoughts** – reads slightly above grade level
  - Claudia** – reads above grade level
  - Anna** –reads below grade level
  - Carly** – struggling reader
  - Monica** – reads at grade level
  - Becca** – reads below grade level
  - Ms. Stark** – reads slightly below grade level
- Genre:** Realistic Fiction
- Ages:** 9-12

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## Dance Trap page 1

- Claudia's Thoughts:** My name is Claudia Cristina Cortez. I am thirteen, I am in the seventh grade, and my life is complicated. What could be so complicated about my life? It's our first school dance ever and Anna's idea is to turn it into an episode of Dancing with the Stars.
- Anna:** It has to be a formal dance.
- Carly:** What's that?
- Anna:** Fancy dresses, pretty corsages, and beautiful decorations. And a band that plays real dance music, like my cousin had at her wedding.
- Becca:** Are you kidding?
- Anna:** No! I've been taking ballroom dance lessons. I want to use what I've learned.
- Monica:** Why make everyone else suffer?
- Becca:** Anna doesn't care what anyone else wants. The only thing she cares about is getting what she wants.  
(whispering to Monica and Claudia)
- Claudia's Thoughts:** Becca was right. Anna is the most popular girl in the seventh grade. I am not sure why, because she's also extremely selfish and spoiled. When she doesn't get her way, she makes everyone else pay.
- Claudia:** The dance is too important to the entire seventh grade. We can't let Anna ruin it.  
(loud-whispering to Monica and Becca)
- Monica:** Do you want to tell her no?  
(loud-whispering to Becca and Claudia)
- Claudia:** A casual dance would be nice. With a D.J. that plays music we like.
- Monica:** That would be fun.

## Dance Trap page 2

- Anna:** Ballroom dancing is fun and it's totally cool. Don't you ever watch dance contests on TV?
- Monica:** No. That sounds totally boring.
- Ms. Stark:** All right everyone. Who wants to be on the dance committee?
- Anna:** I do. I have some great ideas.
- Carly:** Me too!
- Claudia:** And me!
- Monica and Becca:** Count us in.
- Claudia's Thoughts:** If it were the five of us on the committee, the vote would be three against two since Monica and Becca are my best friends and Carly would vote with Anna as always. That would be perfect! Anna wouldn't be able to ruin the seventh-grade dance. At lunch that day, Ms. Stark came to the cafeteria to announce the dance committee members.
- Ms. Stark:** I have the names of those people who will be on the dance committee. Anna and Carly...
- Anna:** Fantastic!
- Ms. Stark:** Monica, Becca, Claudia...
- Monica:** I hope we don't regret this.
- Ms. Stark:** And Sylvia Sherman.
- Anna:** Oh no! We'll never get anything done with Sylvia on the committee!
- Claudia's Thoughts:** Sylvia gets teased a lot. She desperately wants to be friends with Anna and the cool kids. I was pretty sure Sylvia would vote with Anna, which meant the committee would be split.
- Ms. Stark:** And the seventh member of the dance committee is Jenny Pinski.

## Dance Trap page 3

**Claudia:**

What?!

**Claudia's Thoughts:**

Jenny Pinski is the class bully. This was not good news. Maybe volunteering for this committee wasn't such a wonderful idea after all.