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Swisha-swisha

Clap! Clap!

Jump,

Jump,

Jump!

**"Hilda must be dancing!"**

**Hilda Hippo** loves to dance! But there's just one problem. When Hilda dances, it sounds like this:

Ka-bump! Ka-bump!

Crash! Crash! Crash!

Thumpity-bump!

Thumpity-bump!

Boom!

Bang!

Bash!

The other animals beg her to find a quieter hobby. Knitting? Singing?

For Hilda, nothing else will do. What could possible be as fun as dancing?

## Hilda Must Be Dancing Details

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## From Reader Review Hilda Must Be Dancing for online ebook

### Dewey says

Love it. This would be great for a preschool storytime. I think all the sound effects would be especially fun.

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### Melissa says

Too long for storytime. I do really like the Rumba and Disco outfits.

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### Christine Grant says

Hilda drives the other animals in the jungle crazy with her thumping, bumping and shake shake dancing. As much as they try to find her other hobbies, Hilda will not give up on her first love.

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### Rosa Cline says

This was a very creative both in rhyming, almost singing, storylines and the bright colorful illustrations! It was a fun book for both my 2 year old granddaughter to sit and listen and look and fun for me to read to her. We giggled through most of it.

Hilda is a hippo in the jungle. She has many friends, however because she is so big when she dances the others are all affected. They each try and find something else for her to do to but she doesn't 'take' to any of them. UNTIL one recommends her to swim and she combines her dance with the swim and the jungle doesn't shake or make noise. Everyone is happy... a fun beautiful book.

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### Hannah says

The onomatopoeia is so much fun in this book. Splish, sploosh, hippa-hippa, boom!

A delightful story of a passionate (but loud) dancer Hilda. So loud that her friends encourage her to try new hobbies so that everyone can live harmoniously.

But Hilda can't be swayed away from dancing (of course, who would deny their one true passion!?!)

A fun story book to read aloud and (of course) dance to!

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### Kelsey Gourd says

Meh..... Similar to Giraffes Can't Dance, which is a MUCH better story.

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## **Fred M says**

I love Hilda must be dancing because I love dancing.

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## **Julia Jaształ says**

(Mommy's review from 4/11)

I really, really like this author. Julia does too. When I told her who the author was she got visibly excited. That makes me so happy!

This is just what I've come to expect from Karma Wilson and that pleases me to no end. We read this twice, back to back, and will read it again to be sure, because it's just so much fun.

Hilda is a totally awesome character and the same can be said for all of her animal friends!

Suzanne Watts gets extra attention for the bright and wonderful illustrations that match the story beautifully!

My daughter and I both laughed all over the place about Hilda and that giant rear she carried (I should say \*danced\*) around!

The text is just how we like it with perfect rhymes that flow along just as perfect as can be. We're going to read every single book Wilson has out and I'm going to get the entire collection for Julia to keep. I hardly ever actually buy, from a bookstore, any book. Especially not one already read. These are awesome and so worth collecting IMO!

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## **Connie T. says**

Fun story with lots of onomatopoeia and colorful illustrations about doing what you like to do best.

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## **Laurie Brumbaugh says**

This is one of my favorite read-alouds! Karma Wilson's books are all pretty good, but I especially love this one. The rhythm and rhyme are excellent, as is the onomatopoeia. It's just super fun to read aloud. And the story and pictures are great too. Use it in a storytime about dancing, hippos, or following your dreams!

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## **Amanda says**

A wonderful movement book!

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### **Miss Sarah says**

Hilda the hippo loves to dance but her forest friends don't really like it. She makes lots of noise and the ground shakes. They try to distract her with other forms of activities till they find swimming. A hit. 3 to 5 age group.

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### **Caroline says**

Hilda the hippo loves to dance, but she make a bit of a ruckus. The other jungle animals try suggesting other alternative hobbies for Hilda, like knitting and singing, but she always comes back to dancing.

This book is filled with vibrant colors and sound effects.

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### **Jennifer says**

Absolutely perfect for story time: clear and colorful illustrations, sing-song rhyming text, lots of onomatopoeia, and here and there a giggle! This one fits a dancing, jungle, friendship, rhinoceros, or "follow your passions" theme. Highly recommended.

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### **MB (What she read) says**

Karma Wilson's books are a blast to read aloud!

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