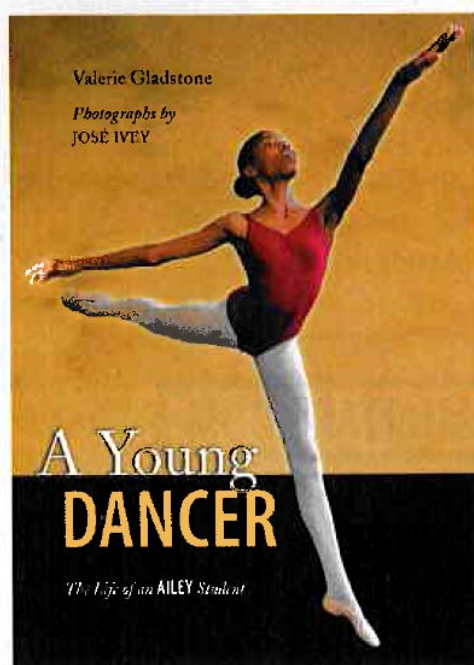


kids' corner



■ **A Young Dancer** (Christy Ottaviano Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Henry Holt & Co., \$18.95), by Valerie Gladstone with photographs by José Ivey, follows Iman Bright, a 13-year-old student at the Ailey School in New York City. Her discipline, talent and love for dance is most sincere as she prepares for a performance and is coached by dance legend Judith Jamison, artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT). The book's publication is produced in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the AAADT and the 40th anniversary of its dance school. A suitable read for ages 8 to 13.