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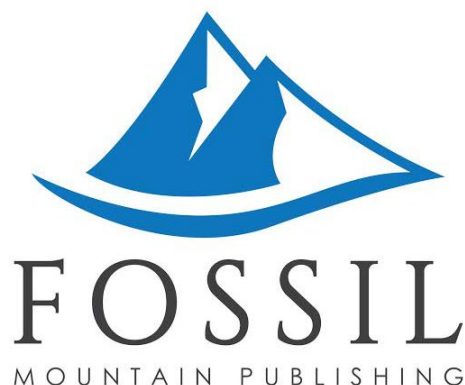
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Fossil Mountain Publishing Announces that 2018 is the Year of The Nutcracker

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Many productions cast over 100 children for parts in the Party Scene, Battle Scene, and as Polichinelles with Mother Ginger. Depending on how many qualified boys audition, girls sometimes are cast in the roles of the boy dancers in Party.

This year, with the addition of Disney's upcoming movie, *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms*, audiences will be able to enjoy, *The Nutcracker*, throughout the holiday season through books, movies and, of course, live performances. We at Fossil Mountain Publishing encourage families to indulge!

To get your tween, 9 14, ready for Nutcracker Season, Fossil Mountain Publishing is excited to present, ***Prince Dustin and Clara: Deep in the Black Forest***, a retelling of *The Nutcracker*. The author, Daniel Lee Nicholson, performed in *The Nutcracker* for 10 years. Nicholson was sure to include the essence of the ballet, including many of the dance scenes, in the book. As Clara and Prince Dustin, the Nutcracker Prince, race to escape the wrath of Egon, they encounter one adventure after another deep in the Black Forest, the setting of the Snow Scene. Nicholson incorporated much of the allure of the Black Forest in the story.

Nicholson's tale is both fantasy and adventure to appeal to both boys and girls; dancers and non-dancers alike. ***Prince Dustin and Clara: Deep in the Black Forest*** is available now at your favorite online and retail bookseller.

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About Daniel Lee Nicholson:

Daniel Lee Nicholson was born and raised in the Midwest. He has been a performer and ambassador of the performing and fine arts ever since his first performance as a soldier in *The Nutcracker* in Chicago. He resides with his wife in the Los Angeles area and works in Productions in the Media and Entertainment industry. *Deep in the Black Forest* is the first installment in the series *Prince Dustin and Clara*.

About Fossil Mountain Publishing:

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